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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Sept. 11 memorial: The four living former presidents will be honorary leaders of the World Trade Center memorial project, New York Gov. George Pataki announced Monday. Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton have all agreed to become honorary members of the board of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation. Pataki said in remarks prepared for a luncheon of the Association for a Better New York.

Members of the board will be officially named next week. The memorial, "Reflecting Absence," is slated to open in 2009.

JFK conspiracy theory: For years, Americans have viewed President John F. Kennedy's assassination through conspiracy-colored glasses. Writers, filmmakers and Web-site authors have blamed his death on a sinister network of slay operators: Cuba's Castro, the CIA — even Lyndon Johnson.

But two experts say new research shows Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963, by two bullets fired by a lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Relying on chemical, ballistic and statistical analyses, they say their work dispels more than 100 conspiracy theories tied to Kennedy's death. The work was published in last month's Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry.

World

Madrid bombing inquiry: A paramilitary officer on Monday downplayed the importance of a recently disclosed cassette recording with potential evidence about the Madrid, Spain, railway bombings, saying the information on the tape had already been well known to investigators.

Lt. Col. Jose Antonio Rodriguez Bolinaga was dismissed from his post in the paramilitary Civil Guard last week after news reports revealed that he took three weeks to hand over the tape to the judge investigating the March 11 attacks that killed 191 people and injured some 2,000. The train bombings were blamed on militants linked to al-Qaida.

Arafat's medical records: Freshly armed with Yasser Arafat's lengthy medical dossier, his nephew on Monday pinned blame on Israel for the late Palestinian leader's death and refused to put an end to rumors of poisoning.

The files are inconclusive on the cause of Arafat's death and confirm that doctors found no known poisons, but "I believe the



Intentional flooding: Water from the Colorado River is released Sunday from Glen Canyon Dam near Page, Ariz. The water, which flows into the Grand Canyon, was released by the Bureau of Reclamation in an effort to redistribute 800,000 tons of metric sediment to maintain ecosystems on the river, officials said.

Israeli authorities are largely responsible for what happened," said Nasser al-Kidwa, who is also the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations.

His accusation, at a Paris news conference two hours after French authorities gave him the files despite objections from Arafat's widow, could inflame suspicions among Palestinians that Israel was somehow to blame — if only by confining Arafat to his West Bank headquarters for the last three years of his life, as al-Kidwa asserted.

Chinese airliner crash: Investigators have found no evidence of terrorism or other "man-made destruction" in the crash of a Chinese airliner that exploded after takeoff and plunged into an ice-covered lake, killing 54 people, according to official reports Monday.

Divers searched the lake for the "black box" flight data recorders of the Bombardier CRJ-200 belonging to China Eastern Airlines. The plane went down Sunday after taking off from the northern city of Baotou on a flight to Shanghai.

Kidnapped foreigners: American and Afghan forces searching for three kidnapped U.N. workers smashed their way into houses in downtown Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, officials and witnesses said.

About 10 people were detained in the pre-dawn operation, but there was no indica-

tion that the three foreigners had been found.

Rescue in Darfur: Aid workers fled into bush areas Monday to escape fierce clashes in Sudan's Darfur region before being rescued by an African Union helicopter and flown to safety, U.N. and aid agency officials said.

Kate Haif, Sudan country director for Save The Children, UK, said 20 workers for her organization and some other people were airlifted from the Tawilla area, in North Darfur state, where fighting between rebels and Arab militia has raged since Sunday.

U.N. spokesman in Khartoum, George Somerville, said 45 people were airlifted to safety by an African Union helicopter after fleeing into bush areas following fighting Monday in Tawilla.

Afghanistan's disarmament: One of Afghanistan's most powerful warlords has given up 45 tanks and a vast haul of ammunition, a U.N. official said Monday, boosting the country's belated disarmament drive.

Representatives of Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum handed over the tanks, all of them operational, at a ceremony in his northern stronghold of Shiberghan on Sunday, in a move that could help consolidate the authority of interim leader Hamid Karzai who won presidential elections last month.

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2 GIs pen winning ode, essay in Seoul

By Teri Weaver
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — When Army Specialist Andrew Mayer arrived in Seoul seven years ago, he was a little bewildered by some of the traffic patterns he saw, especially the mopeds careening on sidewalks.

After a few years of living here — first as a teacher and then as a medic with the 168th Medical Battalion at Yongsan Garrison — he came up with a new perspective. "I realized the Korean people are doing it to help improve the economy," Mayer said.

Mayer, who works with Bravo Company in the ambulance section at Yongsan's health clinic, reasons that some practices frowned upon in the States — like driving mopeds on sidewalks or even pollution — are sacrifices South Koreans were willing to make to build up their country quickly in the latter part of the 20th century.

Seoul officials must like the argument, because Wednesday Mayer will receive recognition for his entry in the 8th annual Seoul Metropolitan Government Poetry Contest. Mayer won third place and \$100 for his 1,500-word essay. He's to receive the honor at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Seoul's City Hall.

Another U.S. soldier, Army Chief Warrant Officer Teddy Datin, won second place in the competition's poetry category. Datin, 27, was awarded the honor in his third tour in South Korea. He previously served in the early '80s and '90s. This time he'll stay even longer.

Under the Army's Assignment Incentive Pay program, which pays soldiers a monthly bonus for extending their South Korean tours, Datin elected to stay another two years.

Like Mayer, Datin is interested in Korean culture and language. For several months, he's participated in a Saturday tour program in which Americans from local bases meet with South Korean students and visit cultural and historical sites.

His poem, not surprisingly, was called "Saturday in Korea: A Day to Remember." Datin claims nothing more than amateur poet status, saying he writes "just when I'm inspired. When I want to write down my feelings about something."

Mayer, 32, of Marshalltown, Iowa, wrote about his impressions of Seoul in "Seoul: Asia's Leading Megalopolis," a place he says has Asia's most rapidly improving economy.

"I'm increasingly happy that I came to Seoul," he wrote in the essay, which will be posted on the city's Web site every next year. "Seoul is aware, and Seoul is where it's at."

Joseph Giordano contributed to this report.

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CHUYOMI SUMIDA/Stars and Stripes

Tourists view signboards Monday describing the environmental dangers posed by a planned Marine air station in the waters off Henoko, Okinawa. Local residents and supporters have staged a sit-in, running 218 days as of Monday, that has disrupted an environmental survey of the area.

Survey of Marine air station site to resume over protests

By David Allen
And Chiyomi Sumida
Stars and Stripes

HENOKO, Okinawa — After a seven-month delay due to protests, the Japanese government is moving forward on tests of the seabed here in preparation for construction of a new Marine air station.

Despite protesters' attempts to stall the project by blocking construction vehicles bound for the area and surrounding a drilling platform with snailboats, the largest of the platforms was in place by the weekend and drilling will begin soon, according to Japanese officials.

In the end, some 30 smaller platforms also will be assembled in the area, said a Naha Bureau of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency spokesman. "We are giving the utmost consideration to the safety of the protesters," he said. The platforms will be used to drill into the seabed about two miles offshore to test whether it can support the massive airport, to be built on reclaimed land and a reef.

A Japanese Coast Guard spokesman said patrol boats have been dispatched to the area on several occasions to monitor the activity of the protesters. On Monday, the 218th day of the sit-in, about 30 protesters milled around the project, while others rode in fishing boats and canoes to the main drilling platform. Yuji Kinjo, 69, one of the sit-in leaders from Henoko, said the group has about 15 canoes and four small boats that depart each day with 30 or so of the protesters. "They go out there at the risk of their lives to stop the project," he said. "Here, on the land, we are continuing our sit-in. It is our responsibility to hand down our precious sea unpolluted to the next generation."

The project has placed some residents at odds with their neighbors. Some Henoko fishermen have been hired by the Defense Facilities Administration to take the government surveyors to the site and serve as a buffer between the platform and the protesters.

Haru Yonekura, 67, a Henoko fisherman for the past 30 years, said he had mixed feelings about the project. He said he just wished everyone would go away and allow the fishermen to ply their trade in peace.

"As a member of the fishermen's association, which supports the project, I cannot actively oppose it," he said. "Yet, when I saw the platform assembled at the site, it upset me."

Protester Toru Gushiken stood at the water's edge and gestured to the horizon.

"Can you imagine what this will look like when this mammoth airport is built?" he asked. "It will destroy the nature of Henoko."

Nearby, tourists, drawn to the site by Japanese media publicity, talked with protesters and examined information concerning endangered wildlife on signboards along a wall. Several signed a petition against the project and donated money.

In 1996, the United States and Japan agreed that Futenma Marine Corps Air Station, located in the heart of the city of Ginowan, would close once an alternate site for Marine air operations was located on Okinawa. The agreement was part of a plan to reduce the U.S. military footprint on Okinawa.

U.S. bases cover about one-fifth of the island. The two countries agree to close some bases, consolidate others and move Marine air operations to a less-populated area of the island.

After years of delays due to local opposition to the project, the national government and Okinawa agreed to build an airport that would be used jointly by military and civilian aircraft on reclaimed land and a reef about two miles offshore. The airport would be connected to the Marines' Camp Schwab by a causeway.

Two groups oppose the new facility. Anti-base activists say the new base would cement Okinawa's U.S. military presence, while environmentalists claim construction would destroy the feeding grounds of the rare dugong, a saltwater manatee.

Henoko residents and mainland Japan activists have been encamped at the port area since mid-April. On Saturday, about 370 people surrounded Nago City Hall to protest Nago Mayor Tateshi Kishimoto's support of the project. Henoko is part of the city of Nago, separated from the urban center by mountains.

Under the construction plan, 455 acres of land would be reclaimed inside the reef for a 1.5-mile-long runway. It will cost about \$2.87 billion and be built over a 10-year period. The Japanese government will pick up the tab for the new facility.

Kishimoto and Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine pushed hard to make the airport a joint-use facility, hoping that a commercial airport in northern Okinawa would stimulate the economy. Okinawa is Japan's poorest prefecture.

They also won monetary concessions from Tokyo, including an economic stimulus package worth \$95 million and making Nago a special financial zone with fewer restrictions over some businesses than in the rest of Japan.

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Misawa nominated for base excellence

By Jennifer H. Swan
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — For the second year in a row, Misawa Air Base is in the running to be named the best Air Force base and receive a prize between \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Pacific Air Forces has selected Misawa as its nominee for the 2005 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence award.

Last year, Misawa was one of three finalists for the Air Force award, which eventually went to Beale Air Force Base in Yuba County, Calif. Aviano Air Base in Pordenone, Italy, was the third finalist.

In 1984, President Reagan established the award to recognize bases that have done the best with their resources to support the mission. It encourages commanders to create an environment promoting innovation and creativity to enhance base services, facilities and quality of life.

Every year, each major Air Force command selects a nominee to compete at the Air Force level. The nominees eventually compete for the ultimate prize. All Air Force installations, except the previous year's winner, are eligible to win the award, according to Norm Stuck, Misaw's commander.

Last year, Misawa earned \$500,000 for quality-of-life improvements as a finalist for the award, according to base spokesmen. The money was spent on the following: a climbing wall and skateboard park for the new Weasel's Den in Hangar 973, 10 new treadmills for the Potter Fitness Center, new flooring and bleachers at the Lunney Youth Center, keyless entry for base lodging facilities, and equipment to expand base cable from 23 to 58 channels by early 2005.

Maj. Frank Dement, 35th Fighter Wing director of staff, said in a base news report that to win the award, bases must be able to show how their programs improve the installation's work environment and quality of life, enhance worker productivity and the worker's satisfaction, encourage bottom-to-top communication and promote unit cohesiveness and environmental safety.

"With all that the people here accomplish, both at Misawa and deployed around the world, it's no surprise that we've been named best base in PACAF two years in a row," Dement said in the report.

The installation excellence award ceremony will be held in December, according to base officials; the overall winner is to be chosen after an Air Force team visits all three bases next year. The winner's base operation and maintenance funds will be increased by \$1 million.

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Gushiken

U.S. death toll in Iraq for November hits 101

At least half killed in Fallujah battle

The Associated Press

Three Marines were killed in action during the Fallujah offensive died over the weekend at American hospitals in Germany and the United States, the Pentagon said Monday, raising the U.S. military death toll in Iraq for November to at least 101.

Since the initial U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003, the only other month in which U.S. deaths exceeded 100 was last April, when insurgent violence flared and Marines fought fierce battles in Fallujah and Ramadi.

In Baghdad, gunmen on Monday assassinated a member of an influential Sunni clerics' group that has called for a boycott of national elections, just a day after Iraqi officials announced the balloting would be held Jan. 30 in spite of rising violence in Iraq.

The Pentagon said three Marines died Saturday at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. A third died Friday at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Landstuhl is a hub for seriously wounded

U.S. soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan, and officials last week said the flow of injured to the hospital jumped to about twice the normal rate after the battle for Fallujah began.

The official U.S. death toll for the Fallujah offensive, which began Nov. 7, has not been updated since Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said Nov. 18 that it stood at 51. But Monday's announced deaths mean the toll has risen to at least 54.

The Marines have suffered most of the Fallujah battle casualties. An exact number is not available because the Marines usually do not specify the city in which a casualty happened. Since Nov. 1, the Marines have had at least 69 deaths throughout Iraq — mostly in Fallujah. That is by far the deadliest month of the war for the Marines; their previous high was 52 last April.

Of the approximately 138,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, about 35,000 are Marines.

U.S. and Iraqi troops have been clearing the last of the resistance from Fallujah, the main rebel bastion stormed Nov. 8 in hopes of breaking the back of the insurgency before the election.

U.S. Marine Maj. Jim West said Sunday that American troops have found nearly 20 "atrocities sites" where insurgents imprisoned, tortured

and murdered hostages. West said troops found weapons containing knives and black hoods, "many of them blood-covered."

The storming of Fallujah has heightened tensions throughout Sunni Arab areas, triggering a surge of clashes in Mosul, Beiji, Samarra, Ramadi and elsewhere.

The government's announcement Sunday that elections were set for Jan. 30 reflected Iraq and U.S. determination to hold the vote despite the persistent violence.

In Mosul, Sheikh Faith Mohamed Amin al-Falshi, a member of the Association of Muslim Scholars, was shot by gunmen at his home.

The slaying could further alienate Iraq's Sunni Arab minority ahead of the Jan. 30 election. The association is already calling for a boycott of the vote, and if many Sunnis heed its call, the legitimacy of the election could be deeply undermined.

Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said his government was determined to hold the election as scheduled.

Elsewhere Monday, a U.S. patrol that came under attack returned fire, killing two attackers in Hawija, about 150 miles north of Baghdad, according to witnesses. The U.S. military had no immediate confirmation.

The military said Monday a U.S. soldier died after he was wounded in an attack the night before in Baghdad.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday, at least 1,221 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 946 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, which was last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 73 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,083 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 837 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ None reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ None reported.

Military officers see need for bigger force in Iraq

By BRADLEY GRAHAM

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Senior U.S. military commanders in Iraq say it is increasingly likely they will need a further increase in combat forces to put down remaining areas of resistance in the country.

Convinced the recent battle for Fallujah has weakened insurgent ranks, commanders here have devised plans to press the offensive into neighborhoods where rebels have either taken refuge after fleeing Fallujah or were already deeply entrenched.

But the forces available for these intensified operations have become limited by the demands of securing Fallujah and overseeing the massive reconstruction effort there — demands that senior U.S. military officers say are likely to tie up a substantial number of Marines and Army troops for weeks.

"What's important is to keep the pressure on these guys now that we've taken Fallujah from them," a high-ranking U.S. military commander said, speaking on condition he not be named because of the sensitivity of the deliberations on adding troops.

Last month, the DOD ordered about 6,500 soldiers in Iraq to extend their tours by up to two months. But "No request for more troops" has been received" from Central Command, Lt. Col. Barry Venable, a Pentagon spokesman, told Stars and Stripes on Monday.

Troop levels in Iraq "are something that's constantly being looked at," Venable said. Both President Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld "have stated time and time again that they will give commanders what they ask for," he said.

While accelerating the January deployment of the 3rd Infantry Di-

vision is "technically possible," it's unlikely due to the complex logistics of moving such numbers of troops, a Pentagon official said.

Such "perturbations" would be so massive that "it would be worth it," considering the relatively small amount of time on the ground the division's entry into Iraq would buy commanders, the official said.

With some fresh U.S. forces already arriving in Iraq as part of a long-scheduled rotation, and two newly trained Iraqi brigades due to start operating next month, U.S. military leaders had hoped to avoid further increases.

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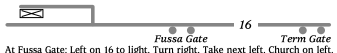
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Iraq meeting may condemn insurgency

BY SALAH NASRAWI
The Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt — The international conference on Iraq is moving toward giving strong backing for the government's war on insurgents as well as urging it to meet its opponents to try and persuade them to take part in the general elections.

The conference, which is scheduled to end Tuesday in this Red Sea resort, will not set a deadline for the withdrawal of the U.S.-led multinational forces, but will urge France and some Middle Eastern countries, according to a copy of the draft final communiqué obtained by The Associated Press.

Iraq has asked Egypt to convene the conference in a bid to

augment world support for its battle against insurgents and its plan to hold national elections. The two-day meeting brings together Iraq's neighboring states, plus Egypt and several other Arab countries. Also attending is China, as well as regional bodies such as the Group of Eight, United Nations, European Union, Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Syria's Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa has toured the region seeking support for setting a deadline for the withdrawal of foreign forces. But the draft text leaves it to the Iraqi government to decide when foreign forces should depart, while at the same time reminding the U.S.-led multi-

national force that its mandate is "not open-ended."

For all its bloodshed, the insurgency enjoys a certain support in the Arab world as many Arabs see the multinational force as occupying Iraq. Nine Arab governments are represented at the 20-nation conference.

In a clear rebuff to popular sympathy for the insurgency, the conference is expected to conclude by affirming that it condemns "all acts of terrorism in Iraq and calls for the immediate cessation of all such acts in order to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people."

The draft communiqué says participants will also urge the interim government to deal firmly with terrorists according to international standards of law.

In what threatens to be the most contentious part of the conference, Iraq has said it will present plans for neighboring states to tighten their borders against the infiltration of would-be insurgents and to share information about insurgent-support groups.

"We have documents and we have proof that indicate that some neighboring countries are contributing to increasing the violence in Iraq," Thair al-Naqeeb, the spokesman for Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, told reporters on the eve of the conference.

"The Iraqi government will put pressure on the neighboring countries not to use their territories to support violence and terrorism in Iraq," al-Naqeeb added.

Allawi: Neighbors not helping Iraq improve security

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's neighbors have not done enough to help Iraq tackle its security problems but the Baghdad government remains committed to the forging "balanced and positive" ties with countries of the region, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Monday.

Allawi's remarks came in an interview with The Associated Press as delegates to an international conference on Iraq opened Monday at an Egyptian resort. The delegates expressed support for Allawi's government and for a nationwide election set for Jan. 30.

The 20-nation conference in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh, held at Allawi's request, is designed to rally support for

the Iraqi government as it struggles against a Sunni-led insurgency that threatens to undermine the January vote in some parts of the country.

Allawi said his government was determined to hold the election as scheduled, describing those calling for a boycott as "the eventual losers" and "a small minority."

"Certainly, some brothers and leaders in some neighboring na-

tions did not do enough," Allawi said during the 20-minute interview at his office in Baghdad's Green Zone.

"They should have tried to help us at a time when we needed help," he said.

But he added: "We look forward to having positive ties with all our neighbors without exception. And we expect these nations and their leaders to take do the same."

Syria has been criticized for allegedly not doing enough to stop Arab fighters from entering Iraq to join the insurgency. Allawi's government, as well as many Iraqis, blame non-Iraqi Arabs for a wave of bombings and attacks that have killed hundreds of people over the past year.

However, there is growing evidence to suggest that while Arab fighters have taken part in such acts, most of those responsible for the violence have been Iraqis.

Saddam's ex-aides mull suing U.S. on 'atrocities'

BY JAMAL HALABY
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Members of Saddam Hussein's ousted regime are considering suing the Bush administration in the World Court for alleged war crimes in Iraq, the chief of the former dictator's legal team said Monday.

Ziad al-Khasasneh told The Associated Press that Saddam's Jordan-based defense team could not initiate legal action on its own against the U.S. government in the International Court of Justice in the Hague, Netherlands, because the tribunal refuses to hear any individual cases.

"Since the World Court doesn't accept cases from individuals, the lawsuit could be filed on behalf of members of President Saddam's government," al-Khasasneh said.

He declined to identify any former Iraqi officials who might bring such a suit, or say if they were in Iraq or abroad.

The World Court usually takes cases between states and it is unlikely that it would hear a case brought by former regime members. Bosnia sued Serbia for the 1995 genocide in Srebrenica, for example.

"We are toying with the idea of filing the lawsuit," said al-Khasasneh, who heads the legal team appointed by Saddam's wife, Sajida.

He said the latest American incursion into the troubled city of Fallujah, including the killing of an apparently unarmed and wounded Iraqi by a U.S. Marine at a mosque, was "one of scores of examples of American atrocities."

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Iran says uranium enrichment halted

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran announced Monday it has suspended uranium enrichment, and the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said he believed all Iran's enrichment activities have stopped, the central part of an agreement with Europe designed to head off possible U.N. sanctions.

The announcement came days ahead of a key meeting of the agency's board to judge Tehran's compliance with the agency's investigation into nearly two decades of hidden nuclear activities.

If the International Atomic Energy Agency rules that Iran is honoring its commitment to suspend enrichment, it will be a setback to U.S. hopes of referring Iran to the U.N. Security Council, a step that could lead to sanctions.

Iranian state-run radio made a brief announcement of the suspension Monday, saying it aimed "to build confidence." The suspension included the building of centrifuges used in enrichment and the reprocessing of uranium into the gas spun in the machines.

In Vienna, IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei said the suspension appeared to be confirmed. "I think pretty much everything has come to a halt," he told reporters.

He said he expected to have a definitive ruling by Thursday on whether Iran has honored the pledge made earlier this month to freeze all activities related to enrichment, a process that can be used in energy programs or to make nuclear weapons.

Iran has been under intense pressure to freeze the activities as a way of reducing international suspicions over its nuclear program. The United States accuses Iran of secretly pursuing nuclear weapons and has pushed the international community to take a hard line. Secretary of State Colin Powell said last week that Washington has intelligence indicating Iran is trying to fit missiles to carry nuclear weapons.

Iran, which insists its program is peaceful, has said the suspension will be brief, voluntary, and contingent on what Europe does next — particularly at Thursday's Vienna meeting of the IAEA board of directors.

Continued suspension will depend on the other side fulfilling its promises. The upcoming IAEA board meeting will be a test, "government spokesman Abdollah Ramezanzadeh said Monday.

"What we are looking forward to is a translation of that text into an agreement," said British For-



French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, left, shares a word with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, during a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels on Monday. EU foreign ministers are to welcome Iran's pledge to suspend uranium enrichment activities, but will move toward closer ties with the country only if Tehran shows it is serious about abandoning the work permanently.

eign Secretary Jack Straw.

Straw said that if Iran reneges on the deal, the European Union "reserves the right" to take the country to the United Nations.

Ahead of the board meeting, which opens Thursday, European negotiators said they were work-

ing on a draft resolution on Iran that would have no direct reference to Security Council action.

But they said the resolution would likely contain an indirect "trigger mechanism" suggesting possible Security Council involvement if Iran breaks its terms of the suspension deal.

S. Korea to address IAEA on experiment

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean delegation plans to make an effort this week to prevent the country's past nuclear experiments from being referred to the United Nations Security Council.

Seoul admitted recently to conducting a plutonium-based nuclear experiment more than 20 years ago and a uranium-enrichment experiment in 2000, but insisted they were for scientific research only.

Its failure to report the experiments to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, has drawn criticism from other nations.

The board of governors of the Vienna-based IAEA is expected to meet Thursday and decide whether to refer the case to the security council, which can take punitive measures.

Vice Foreign Minister Choi Young-jin said the South Korean delegation plans to meet with IAEA board members in Vienna.

"We plan to meet the member countries and actively try to persuade them so that the outcome of the inspection on South Korea's nuclear experiments is not reported to the U.N. Security Council," Choi told reporters Monday before leaving for Vienna.

"The past nuclear experiments were simple experiments," he said, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

Earlier this month, the IAEA said South Korean nuclear experiments — disclosed earlier this year — produced minute amounts of highly enriched uranium and plutonium, but there was no evidence to link them to an attempt to make weapons.

The IAEA also said South Korea's failure to report the 1982 and 2000 experiments was "a matter of serious concern."

Seoul has acknowledged it should have informed the IAEA.

More suicides in Japan after Web pacts

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Six people were found dead in two deserted cars over the weekend in Japan's latest group suicides, police said Monday.

A woman and two men in their 20s were found slumped over in a car parked outside an isolated forest in Fukuoka about 500 miles southwest of Tokyo, on Sunday.

Several portable charcoal stoves were found on the floor of the car and the three were found to have died of carbon monoxide poisoning, said prefectural police spokesman Katsutoshi Mizuuchi.

The car windows were sealed shut with vinyl tape from the inside, he said. Investigators also found suicide notes from the three.

In a separate case hundreds of

miles away in Hyogo prefecture, three men were found dead in a compact car parked near a vegetable patch.

Their vehicle also had its windows sealed with tape and charcoal stoves on the floor, local police spokesman Tomohiro Okubo said.

Okubo said it was not immediately known whether the two suicide cases were related. Police

were investigating how the victims in each group met.

The cases were the latest in a string of suicide agreements, many made by people who met over the Internet. In October, a group of seven committed suicide together.

Officials say suicide pacts have been made over the Internet since at least the late 1990s, and have been reported everywhere from Guam to the Netherlands.

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S. Korea ponders allowing pro-North speech

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA

The Washington Post

SEOUL — Labeled a subversive and trailed for decades by secret agents, Soon Na-chang, now a grandfatherly 72-year-old, has faced repeated arrests and years of imprisonment in his homeland of South Korea. In a nation standing on the Cold War's last frontier, his crimes ranked among the highest possible offenses: publicly praising North Korea.

But with the pace of national reconciliation quickening between the two Koreas, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and his ruling Uri Party are pushing ahead with plans to repeal the National Security Law, which since 1948 has prohibited vocal support of North Korea as well as unauthorized communication or visits there by South Koreans.

Roh and his supporters say the law, long viewed as the dam preventing the North's communist ideology from washing over the Demilitarized Zone, has become an outdated affront to democracy and free speech.

A repeal would legalize Soon's outlawed, pro-Pyongyang group known as the Pan-Korean Alliance for Reunification, as well as other banned groups sympathetic to the North — including a radical student association whose members attacked a U.S. military installation with molotov cocktails in 2002. The law's abolition would also permit new North Korean propaganda Web sites, aimed at young Korean-speakers, to be freely viewed in South Korea.



The Washington Post

Members of the Pan-Korean Alliance for Reunification, a pro-North Korea group, protested last week at the National Assembly building in Seoul. South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun is pushing to repeal the National Security Law, which since 1948 has prohibited vocal support of North Korea.

Roh's move to do away with the security law is the latest symbol of an ideological battle now raging in South Korea over whether detente with the North is happening too fast, too soon. Many conservative critics are blasting the administration for adopting an apologetic attitude toward the North. They have cited several recent statements by Roh — including his suggestion in Los Angeles last week that North Korea is merely trying to protect itself by pursuing nuclear weapons.

The effort to repeal the law has sparked the most significant outcry from critics of the "sunshine policy" of rapprochement with the North since Kim Dae-jung, then the president, met with his North Korean counterpart, Kim Jong Il, in a historic 2000 summit in Pyongyang. The South Korean leader was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize later that year.

"They think our conflict with the North is over and that it no

longer poses any threat to us," said Yoon S. Chang, a legislator from the Grand National Party. "Repealing the security law would make pro-North Korea activities legal here. How can it be clear that this is in direct violation of our national security interests?"

Roh and his supporters say the law's demise is key to undoing the repressive legacy of South Korea's anti-Communist military leaders. The Uri Party is positioning itself

to use its majority in the National Assembly to abolish the law, pushing for a vote in the next several weeks.

"If we are to shift to an era of people's sovereignty and respect for human rights, don't you think it is desirable to scrap the old legacy?" Roh, a former human rights lawyer, said in a recent televised panel discussion. "The National Security Law is an old relic. Thus, we should put it into a sheath and display it as a museum."

In preparation for a possible repeal, South Korean authorities have already begun issuing hard-line interpretations of the law, permitting greater freedom of expression for pro-Pyongyang activists by no longer actively seeking the arrest of their members, according to leaders of at least two of the banned groups.

"North Korea is not our enemy, the United States is," Soon said during a demonstration in front of the National Assembly building earlier this month. "Kim Jong Il must be respected. ... The North Koreans stand up to the United States while South Korea for years has been a puppet regime. We should not be silenced. We have the democratic right to be heard."

The Grand National Party argues, however, that repeal of the law would grant Kim Jong Il a new foothold in the South. Intelligence officials estimate that there are still as many as 40,000 North Koreans aged 18 and over in the South. Many of the party's officials and political analysts see Pyongyang's influence behind a militant labor movement in South Korea.

Soap opera inflames love of Koreans among Japanese

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Koreans have a harsh history in Japan. Their homeland was under Tokyo's colonial yoke for 35 years, and in Japan they still face discrimination and racist stereotypes.

But thanks to the mega-hit South Korean soap opera "Winter Sonata," Koreans these days also face something quite different in Japan: adulation.

On visits to Tokyo, the show's two main actors — Bae Yong-joon, 32, and Choi Ji-woo, 29 — are mobbed by swooning fans. Sales of chewing gum and chocolates they advertise have surged.

Japanese are filling Korean language classes, crooning Korean pop songs at karaoke clubs and buying out flights to Seoul to visit places featured in the drama.

Ayumi Udagawa, 30, has gone a step further. In thousands of women in recent months, she has registered with a match-making agency for the ultimate hot-selling item: a Korean husband.

"When I watched the drama, Korean men seemed so attractive and different from Japanese," she gushed. "I want to meet a masculine, passionate Korean man."

The phenomenon is quite a twist — if a superficial one — for the image of Koreans in Japan, which colonized the Korean Peninsula from 1910 until 1945.

Koreans in Japan have struggled for decades against stereotypes depicting them as irrational, untrustworthy and violent. Despite deep cultural similarities, the two

countries — and their people — remain far apart.

"This is perhaps the first time Korea is admired so widely by ordinary Japanese," said Chung Dae-kyun, Tokyo Metropolitan University professor of Korean studies. "It's a very positive development for both countries."

"Winter Sonata," produced by the Korean Broadcasting System, was televised twice on satellite channels in Japan starting in April 2003.

But the Korea boom took off after the soap opera was shown on national broadcaster NHK's regular programming this summer, winning nearly a 24 percent viewership despite its late Saturday night time slot. NHK has scheduled another airing of the series in December due to the overwhelming popularity of it.

The soap opera has won over Japanese fans with heavy doses of schmaltz and an endless number of twists and turns.

Bae and Choi's teenage romance is cut short when Bae dies in a car accident. Years later, Choi spots a man who looks just like Bae, falls in love again, and sure enough, it turns out Bae didn't die after all — he survived, but with amnesia. Then he has another car accident that brings back his memories of Choi. But then he goes blind.

The plot may require superhuman efforts at suspension of disbelief. But many Japanese say the unpolished production style and the characters' sincere passion and conservative values remind them of a more innocent Japan that vanished in the wealth and materialism of the 1980s.



AP

"I was impressed by how young people in the drama respected their parents, just like we were taught as children," said 51-year-old housewife Hideo Ezaki. "Such traditional values have faded here, and they seemed fresh."

And Japanese women — particularly the over-40 housewife crowd — have gone bonkers for actor Bae Yong-joon, who at screenings screaming crowds wherever he goes. Copies of his glasses and his scarf, and even views of his bushy hair, are popular items in Japan.

"Sir Yung is my prince," enthused Ito Nakayama, a 71-year-old housewife, as she stood beside a life-size cutout of smiling Bae

in a chewing gum advertisement at a recent Tokyo exhibit.

The TV show has hit against the backdrop of rising interest in Korea for Japanese. South Korean entertainment and culture gained popularity among young Japanese following the joint Japan-Korea hosting of the 2002 World Cup, and Japanese TV and movies are increasingly working with Korean themes.

The fervor, however, seems limited to native Koreans, while attitudes toward ethnic Koreans living in Japan — who have been here for decades and suffer discrimination in jobs and employment — have been untouched.

Emptying shelters dispirit quake evacuees

Refuges now house fewer than 10,000 victims of Japanese earthquake

The Yomiuri Shimbun

NIGATA, Japan — With Tuesday marking one month since the Niigata Prefecture Chuetsu earthquake, most victims of the disaster have moved out of emergency shelters — some able to return to their homes, while others left for more becoming accommodations — leaving the once overflowing refuges empty, save for a few.

Such shelters now house fewer than 10,000 victims of the earthquake and its aftershocks, down from a peak of about 100,000, as more and more people return to their normal lives. But as the recovery and cleanup continue, those with no place to go are feeling a deepening sense of solitude as the shelters grow empty.

Holding hands, Moichi Harayama, 75, and his wife, Kazuko, 70, returned just after 5 p.m. from cleaning up their earthquake-damaged house to their makeshift home on the second

floor of the annex at Mitsuke Chuo Kominan civic center in central Mitsuke, in the prefecture.

The couple live in a cramped 1.5-tatami mat room, with a three-tatami mat area near the door overflowing with boxes of their belongings. Placing newspapers on their laps as napkins while they ate, the two dug into the bento boxed meals provided by the city.

"A carpenter is finally going to come and help us next week," Kazuko said.

"I hope we can finish all the repairs before the snow comes," Harayama added, as the couple's conversation echoed through the dark hallway outside their room.

Not far from their shelter, the 100-year-old Harayama home lies badly damaged by the earthquakes, twisted, with fallen ceiling panels and cracks running along the walls. The foundation has softened, meaning that even if the house were to be repaired,

the couple may be unable to live there much longer.

For a time, more than 100 people lived at the civic center. But now, there is only one other person staying in the annex — one of their neighbors who is taking temporary shelter in a room on the first floor.

The couple came to the shelter immediately after the devastating temblors with their son, his wife and their three children. But, as the children needed a quiet place to study for upcoming entrance examinations, their son and his family moved to a nearby apartment on Nov. 14.

In Tokamachi, also in the prefecture, 61-year-old Eiko Namikata has found herself living with her 90-year-old mother, Kimi, in an assembly hall.

This hall, too, sheltered more than 100 victims after the earthquake, but as of Nov. 1, Namikata and her mother are the only ones still staying there.

Their 70-year-old home was



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Children at Ishizaka Primary School in Nagaoka, Niigata Prefecture, huddled under their desks after an aftershock hit on Nov. 8. The 5.9 magnitude earthquake rocked northern Japan, near where last month's deadliest earthquake struck. Shelters are now emptying of victims.

flattened by the temblor. On Nov. 17, they applied to enter temporary housing.

"I don't know when we'll be

able to move into temporary housing. We'll just have to hope we'll be allowed to stay here until then," she said.

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IN THE STATES

FBI: Most hate crimes in '03 racially driven

BY CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There were 7,400 hate crimes in the United States last year, more than half of them motivated by racial prejudice most often against black people, the FBI reported Monday.

Hate crimes motivated by anti-black racial bias totaled 2,548 in 2003, more than double such crimes against all other racial

groups combined. There were 3,150 black victims in these cases, including four who were murdered, according to the annual FBI report.

The overall total of 7,489 hate crimes reported in 2003 was slightly above the number reported in 2002. Nearly two-thirds of the crimes involved in such cases are intimidation, vandalism or property destruction.

But there are also hundreds of violent crimes, including 14 murders. There were

more than 2,700 assaults, 444 bias-related robberies, burglaries and thefts, and 34 arson incidents.

The report shows that crimes categorized as anti-Islamic remained at the about same level in 2003 — 149 crimes — as the year before. There had been a spike in such crimes immediately after the 2001 terror attacks, helping drive the overall hate crime number much higher that year.

By far the most hate crimes based on reli-

gion were directed at Jews, with 927 incidents in 2003, about the same as in 2002.

The report also found more than 1,200 hate crimes based on sexual orientation, including 783 against gay men. That included six murders.

The FBI hate crimes report is drawn from information submitted by more than 11,900 law enforcement agencies around the country.

Rains drench parts of southeast Texas

The Associated Press

EL CAMPO, Texas — Rain doused already-saturated areas of southeast Texas on Monday after as much as 15 inches during the weekend forced hundreds of people from their homes and closed highways.

No injuries were reported. Heavy rain also fell early Monday in the Austin area, flooding city streets and highways and stalling cars.

The Colorado River, which flows through the city and into southeast Texas, was swollen out of its banks in places, and authorities warned residents to take precautions.

About 250 people were evacuated from their homes Sunday in El Campo.

Mayor Randy Collins said 50 to 100 homes, as well as some businesses, were flooded Sunday.

"I've been here 31 years and this is the worst I've ever seen it,"

said El Campo Police Chief Jim Elliott.

El Campo resident Ray Hillier said 7 inches of water flowed into his home.

"I just watched," Hillier, 62, told The Houston Chronicle. "What could you do?"

El Campo, with about 11,000 residents, is 72 miles southwest of Houston.

Sections of U.S. Highway 59 remained closed Monday because of flooding, said El Campo police dispatcher Donna Hubenak.

Up to 15 inches of rain fell across parts of Wharton and Jackson counties.

Eighteen people had to be removed from their homes in Gannado in Jackson County, Mayor Fred Rickaway said.

Emergency workers in the town of some 1,900 residents used fire trucks to carry people through the water that Rickaway described as a little more than knee-deep.



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Motorists navigate through floodwaters Sunday near El Campo, Texas, after severe weather moved through the area.

Rare snow hits Calif.

LOS ANGELES — An unusual type of storm nicknamed an "insider slider" blanketed Southern California mountains with up to 3 feet of snow and even coated desert areas with white.

Children built snowmen and had snowball fights in low-lying towns such as Murietta in Riverside County, where Chris Sousounis said he was told it would never snow when he moved there from Chicago. "Somebody lied," he said as he swept piles of snow off his pickup.

The weekend storm was tapering off Monday, although an additional 6 inches fell in some mountain communities.

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Peterson penalty phase set for Nov. 30

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF
The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The judge in the Scott Peterson murder trial denied defense motions Monday for a new jury and a new venue, and rescheduled the penalty phase of the case to begin Nov. 30.

The penalty phase had been set to begin Monday, 10 days after he was found guilty of first-degree murder for killing his wife Laci and second-degree murder for killing her fetus. Jurors must choose between a life sentence or execution.

"We're going to have to go with this jury," Judge Alfred A. Delucci said, rejecting defense claims that the ousting of two jurors after deliberations began would taint the outcome.

As for moving the case elsewhere, the judge said it would be impossible. "Where could I send this case in the state of California that hasn't been inundated with the media coverage?"

Jurors are expected to hear

testimony much more laden with emotion than they did during the five-month guilt phase of his trial.

The penalty phase is like a miniature trial, absent most of the typical rules of evidence.

Unlike the guilt phase of a trial, it allows jurors to hear pleas for leniency and heartfelt recollections of the victim.

No testimony was expected from one of the prosecution's star witnesses, Peterson's former mistress, Amber Frey. Wiretapped telephone calls between Peterson and Frey played for jurors portrayed the 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman as a habitual liar and a cad.



Peterson

5 dead in dispute over Wis. hunting spot

BY JOSHUA FREED

The Associated Press

BIRCHWOOD, Wis. — A deer hunter shot and killed five people and wounded three others after he was spotted on private land and was asked to leave, authorities said.

A 36-year-old man was arrested Sunday afternoon when he came out of the woods after the shootings during the hunt's opening weekend, sheriff's officials said. Two of the wounded were in critical condition Monday.

Deputy Jake Hodgkinson identified the suspect as Chai Vang but would give no details. Vang is from St. Paul, Minn., said Paul Schnell, a spokesman for the St. Paul police department.

The victims were part of a larger group hunting near a rural cabin on private land in Sawyer County in northwestern Wisconsin.

One hunter spotted someone in their tree stand, a raised platform in a tree used by hunters, and he and several others approached the man and asked him to leave, Sawyer County Sheriff James Meier said Monday.

The man got down from the stand and was walking away, then "for some apparent reason he turned and opened fire on

them," Meier said.

One hunter radioed to others in the party for help, and more people were shot as they arrived on all-terrain vehicles to rescue the first group, authorities said. Someone in the group wrote the suspect's hunting license number, which hunters wear on their clothing, by tracing it on a dirty vehicle, Meier said.

"It's absolutely nuts. Why? Over sitting in a tree stand?"

Chief Deputy Tim Zeigle said earlier.

Zeigle said the suspect was "chasing after them and killing them," with a SKS 7.62 mm semiautomatic rifle, a common hunting weapon. Wisconsin's statewide deer gun hunting season started Saturday and lasts for nine days.

About 20 shots were fired but it was unclear if any of the hunters had fired at the man or who might have shot first, Zeigle said. There was just one gun among the eight people killed or wounded, he said.

The dead included a woman, and a father and his 20-year-old son, authorities Zeigle said. Some of the victims were shot more than once. All five were from the Rice Lake area, about 15 miles southwest of Birchwood in northwestern Wisconsin, he said.

Authorities found two bodies near each other and the others were scattered over 100 yards.

The suspect, who did not have a compass, got lost in the woods and two other hunters who didn't know about the shootings helped him find his way out, Zeigle said.

The man was arrested when he emerged



A police officer interviews witnesses near the scene where a dispute among deer hunters over a tree stand in northwestern Wisconsin erupted in a series of shootings that left five people dead and three injured Sunday near Hayward, Wis. The alleged gunman, a man from the Twin Cities area of Minnesota, was later arrested at the Rusk and Sawyer County line, according to Sawyer County sheriff's officials.

from the woods and a Department of Natural Resources officer recognized the deer license on his back from a description given by one of the shooting victims, Zeigle said.

The man was out of ammunition, he said.

One of the injured hunters was in critical condition Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. Another was in critical condition and a third in stable condition at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake.

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Pre-9/11 terror memo

PHOENIX — The FBI agent who wrote a memo warning that terrorists were training at flight schools before the Sept. 11 attacks said concerns over racial profiling may have prevented officials from acting on his intelligence.

Ken Williams' findings in his now-famous July 2001 memoir were based on investigations of Arizona aviation students tied to al-Qaida. At the time, he recommended the State Department coordinate with the FBI to provide information on flight students from Middle Eastern countries.

3 die in jet crash

HOUSTON — All three people aboard a private jet died Monday morning when it clipped a light pole and crashed a minute away from landing in a thick fog at Houston's Hobby Airport. The jet had been due to pick up former President Bush as a passenger, his office said.

The jet was approaching the runway when it wing clipped a light pole along the heavily traveled Sam Houston Tollway. The

aircraft crashed just south of the tollway in a southeast Houston field, said Roger Smith, a spokesman for the Houston Airport System.

Trump files Chapter 11

NEWARK, N.J. — Donald Trump's casino empire filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after months of negotiations with bondholders over restructuring a crushing \$1.8 billion debt.

Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts and numerous related operations filed for protection from its creditors Sunday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Camden, N.J.

In a telephone interview Monday, Trump denied the bankruptcy was a setback. The Chapter 11 filing frees a company from the threat of creditors' lawsuits while it reorganizes its finances.

"I don't think it's a failure. It's a success," Trump said.

University gets \$44M

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The founder of an information technology company and his diabetic wife are giving \$44 million to the University of Michigan for creation of a diabetes research center.

The donation, being announced Monday, comes from Bill Brehm of McLean, Va., a university graduate, and his wife, Dee.

Brehm, 75, founded SRA International, an information science company in Fairfax, Va. His wife, 74, has Type 1, or insulin-dependent, diabetes.

"We want to do something for the new diabetics, for these babies and infants just diagnosed," Dee Brehm said.

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Camden, N.J., rated most dangerous U.S. city

BY BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Camden has been named the nation's most-dangerous city, snatching the top spot from Detroit, according to a company's annual ranking based on crime statistics.

Officials in Camden, which was ranked third last year, downplayed the dubious designation Sunday, saying many steps have already been taken to reduce crime in the city.

"We must give our people jobs, training and opportunity," said City Councilman Ali Sloan-El, who pointed out that Camden's poverty is an important contributing factor to its high crime rate.

Atlanta, St. Louis and Gary, Ind., rounded out the top five in the most dangerous city rankings, which was to be released Monday by Morgan Quitno Corp.

The company publishes "City Crime Rankings," an annual reference book that will be published next month. Detroit fell to second in this year's list.

However, company president Scott Morgan told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he had been unaware that St. Louis police omitted 5,760 crimes from their 2003 crime data.

Provided with the correct data, Morgan found that St. Louis would have switched places with Atlanta.

The news wasn't all bleak for New Jersey.

The state's Brick Township was rated the second-safest city for the third straight year, behind only Newton, Mass., while the

Garden State's Dover Township was ranked tenth.

The other communities in the top five were Amherst, N.Y., which had been ranked as the safest city for the past four years, followed by Mission Viejo, Calif., and Clarkstown, N.Y.

The rankings look at the rate for six crime categories: Murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and auto theft. It compares 350 cities with populations of 75,000 or more that reported crime data to the FBI.

Bush, GOP work to get intel bill passed

BY JIM ABRAMS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Republican congressional leaders are preparing another bid in December to overcome conservative Republican opposition and pass an intelligence community overhaul designed as a response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"When I get home, I look forward to getting it done," Bush told a news conference Sunday after an economic summit in Santiago, Chile. He promised to work with Republican leaders in Congress who are preparing to return Dec. 6 for another try.

Blocked by resistance from two committee chairmen and conservative Republicans in the House of Representatives, lawmakers turned back a last-minute chance Saturday to pass the

stalled legislation to create a new national intelligence director and national counterterrorism center. Based on the Sept. 11 commission recommendations, the overhaul is supposed to help the intelligence community track terrorist threats and was one of the biggest legislative priorities of this year.

Despite Republican control of Congress, Bush hasn't been able to enlist enough support House Republicans.

"For us to do the bill in early December, it will take significant involvement by the president and the vice president," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a Republican, said on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday. "It will take real focus on their part."

Bush did not directly respond to a question about whether his own defense secretary,

Donald H. Rumsfeld, contributed to the dead-lock. Some Democrats and Republicans in Congress said Rumsfeld opposed relinquishing control of Pentagon intelligence spending to a new national intelligence director.

"I was disappointed the bill didn't pass," Bush said. "I thought it was going to pass up to the last minute."

Without passage in December, lawmakers would have to restart the legislative process when the new Congress convenes in January.

Rumsfeld and other Pentagon officials have resisted provisions that would reduce their control over 80 percent of the estimated \$40 billion. "It's well-known that the secretary of defense wasn't enthusiastic about this loss of budget authority," Sen. John McCain, a Republican, said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Remember, most of our fiercest debates in Washington comes down to who controls the money."

Letter auctioned

BOSTON — A letter written by President Lincoln's assassin two months before the 1865 slaying sold at auction Sunday for a record \$68,000.

In the letter, dated Feb. 9, 1865, John Wilkes Booth asks a friend to send him a picture of himself "with cane and black cravat" — the one later used in his wanted poster.

The previous high for a Booth letter was \$38,000, according to Stuart Whitehurst, vice president of Skinner Inc. auctioneers.

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Bridget is back

Zellweger revives quirky Brit for sequel

Renée Zellweger signs autographs for fans as she arrives at the British premiere of her new movie "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" in Leicester Square, London.

AP

BY HANH NGUYEN

Zap2it.com

LOS ANGELES

Three years after starring in "Bridget Jones's Diary," Renée Zellweger found slipping back into the role of the titular British singleton for the sequel challenging beyond the much ballyhooed weight gain.

For "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," the Texan actress—who has slimmed back down and now sports a brunette hairdo—admits that she had difficulty relearning Bridget's signature quirky way of speaking.

"It was like starting over again," says the actress. "I was terrified of it because it was something that evolved and became very colloquial in a very specific way last time."

Despite her struggles re-creating the British accent, Zellweger has won the heart of the island nation for embodying the plucky protagonist.

"I think the truth is if anything we consider Renée Zellweger a national treasure. I do not think that we have given her up to you lot," says director Beeban Kidron to a roomful of American reporters.

"I think that we think that she is English and that she's our treasure."

"Edge of Reason" picks up several weeks after the original "Bridget Jones" left off, with Bridget (Zellweger) enjoying a blissful relationship—complete with many shags—with the very proper lawyer Mark Darcy (Colin Firth). Being Bridget, however, she soon loses her man, fouls up her job and even lands in a Thai prison before she gets her happy ending.

To reprise the critically acclaimed role, Zellweger had to come to terms with Bridget's seemingly desperate actions, especially when, after having only dated six weeks, she demands that Darcy reveal whether or not he'd consider marrying her.

"I think it becomes pretty evident that she knows that

she's made a big mistake there. And that not only is it unreasonable, but it probably might have been the catalyst to the end of this relationship for having terrified the man with the outburst," says Zellweger.

"But she never fails to trudge forward and to believe that she's gonna be fine and she always moves on. That's strength to me."

Besides the character work, the petite actress also had physical challenges to meet. The fair-skinned Zellweger pokes fun at herself for her sensitivity to the sun, which became problematic while shooting in Thailand. Although castmate Hugh Grant describes her work ethic as "redoubtable," he was appalled by the lengths she took to protect her skin.

"She's got this thing that she believes the sun will make her skin come up in boils and peel off her bones," Grant explains. "So she's dressed up like Julie Andrews at the beginning of 'The Sound Of Music,' like a nun—umbrellas and gloves and everything. It's a nightmare."

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Truth is, everyone lies, says professor

By ELAINE D'AURIZIO

The Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Pride yourself on being an honest person? Well, Julian Keenan would like you to try not to lie for a month.

"Try telling a cop who pulls you over what you really think or a hostess what you think of her food," said Keenan, a Montclair State University professor. "You'll see how difficult it is and how much a part of your life lying is."

According to Keenan, who has been researching the world of deception for 10 years, everybody lies.

"The average person tells at least one lie per day," said Keenan, who admits he is not the greatest at spotting fibbers.

What surprised him the most in his studies of hundreds of Montclair State students is how prevalent lying is, how bad people are at detecting it and how different the genders are at lying.

Women, for example, tend to lie about their age, weight and looks — makeup, plastic surgery, clothes that enhance or manipulate the body.

"Men exaggerate how much they make and their job title or grade point average," said Keenan, 34. "They tend to lie about wanting to get married and saying they want to have children."

But why lie at all? There are some good reasons that probably go back 5 million years, said

Keenan, director of the university's Cognitive Neuroimaging Laboratory.

"Lying has played a key role in our evolution, in making humans, human," he said. "It's one of the most amazing, sophisticated, advanced cognitive abilities we have. All evidence indicates that we are genetically programmed to lie. The liar has such an advantage over you. So the gene is passed on."

Keenan points to the recent presidential election. "The party that lied better had an advantage and won," he said.

It is a lesson learned early. About 95 percent of children lie, Keenan said, and they start the practice early — at the tender age of 2.

"We find it is a sign in children of high intelligence," he said.

"They have to be able to understand that you have thoughts. They need to hide the cookie from you, not themselves. Very few animals lie, except maybe a few apes. It's one of the hallmarks of humans."

It could also be why we find pets so endearing. But Keenan's studies involve humans, his decade-long research done with student surveys, videotapes and autodiagnoses. His findings have been published in top scientific journals.

Keenan, who has lectured internationally, included his studies on deception in a book published last year called "The Face in the Mirror: The Search for the Origins of Consciousness." Co-authored by Keenan, Dean Falk and Gordon Gallup, it explores why some species develop self-awareness and others do not, and when and how we become aware of our presence and thoughts.

Keenan, an associate professor of psychology who trained at Harvard Medical School in neuroscience, is easy to talk to, energetic and enthusiastic.

"He's an excellent mentor who really stands out at Montclair in



Dr. Julian Keenan (seated, behind) and his research assistant Kevin Guise watch the readings from brain-wave measurements and eye-tracker goggles on a subject at their research laboratory at Montclair State University. According to Keenan, who has been researching the world of deception for 10 years, everybody lies.

his dedication to his students and his excitement about what he's doing. He loves his work," said Amanda Johnson of Bloomington, N.J., a second-year graduate student who has worked with Keenan since she was an undergraduate.

That research has revealed another gender difference that appears early in childhood. Little girls learn what Keenan calls "spare your feelings lies."

"Little girls do it better than little boys, who tend to say what they think," he said.

Of course, some people are better at the game than others, regardless of age. What makes a

good liar is the ability to read the other person's mind. Con artists are terrific at it.

"If you can get into someone's mind, you'll have a real advantage," Keenan said. "The key to being a really good con artist is being a really good mind-reader, telling someone what they want to hear."

Getting into someone's mind is also what dating is about, Keenan said. "Men want to find out what women want to hear and women want to know what men want to hear."

And what, did he do, the sexes want to hear? "Men like to hear that they're funny and smart," Keenan said.

"Women want to hear that a man makes good money and wants to get married and have kids."

Another attribute of the good liar is being self-aware.

"People who are aware of their own thoughts and are introspective are actually better at reading you," Keenan said. And, the longer you are in a relationship, the better you are at telling if your spouse is lying, he said.

But hey, aren't we hearing a lot about moral values these days? Doesn't lying come under that heading? "Morally, lying is wrong," said Keenan, who earned his bachelor and master of arts degrees from State University of New York-New Paltz, and his doctorate in bio-psychology from State University of New York-Albany.

Advantage or not, lying ultimately carries a big price tag: loss of credibility.

Currently, Keenan is conducting research with an electrode cap that is put on a student's head to register brain waves. Polygraph tests are mainly physiologi-

cal, he said, and register heart rate, sweating, etc.

"We would like to come up with a neuro-polygraph test," he said.

"By monitoring brain activity, we're trying to see if the brain is doing certain things while someone is lying. I'm trying to find the area of the brain responsible for deception."

What led Keenan down this avenue of research in deception? For starters, he's a psychologist interested in how the mind works.

"[Deception] is such a complex process and plays such an important role in all our lives," he said. "It's one of the most amazing things that we do, the most advantageous, but it's mental gymnastics. You have to do all these mental flips."

Students agree. "The research about deception is very interesting," said Kevin Guise, a senior psychology major from North Arlington, N.J., "because of the obvious advantage to it."

Keenan assumed most people were better at detecting lies but found that only under certain circumstances did people become good lie-detectors.

"For example, when a woman is getting hit on, the radar goes up," Keenan said. "Other researchers have found that most professions, even cops, aren't that good at it, except the Secret Service."

Keenan, who is married, would like to help people "be better detectors." He would also like them to know how to protect themselves from deception.

"Women should know what men lie about and so [should] men, who don't know anywhere near the extent that women do how the opposite sex lies," Keenan said. "You're much better off when you're able to detect a lie, much more in control."

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Money tip of the day

'For Sale by Owner'

Knight Ridder Tribune

Typically, most people go with a real estate broker to handle a home sale. But some homeowners opt to skip the selling agent route and sell a home themselves.

The "For Sale by Owner" approach has some positive benefits, including saving on real estate fees. Yet, it's also hardly a casual undertaking.

If you've been thinking of selling a home yourself, it might be worthwhile to check out some of the "For Sale by Owner" advice available on the Web. Here are just a few sites with useful insights and information:

■ Bankrate.com.

(www.bankrate.com/brn/news/real-estate/fso4L.asp) Discusses pros and cons of "For Sale by Owner" homes.

■ For Sale By Owner.com.

(www.forsalebyowner.com/home-selling-tips.html) Guide with eight steps to selling a home.

■ Homes 101, (www2.homes101.net/home-seller/st41).

Provides cautionary evaluation of "For Sale by Owner" approach.

■ Kiplinger, (www.kiplinger.com/basics/spending/newbasics/fizzbo.html). Offers "For Sale by Owner" advice and the potential money saving involved.

Blind man accused

NJ ENGLEWOOD — A blind man shot and killed his former girlfriend during an argument about an unpaid telephone bill, prosecutors said.

Robert Cameron was charged with murdering 31-year-old Coleen Garis at his apartment, shooting her several times in the torso, said Bergen County prosecutor John L. Molinelli.

Cameron is blind in one eye and sees only shadows with the other, relatives said. "How could he shoot her so many times?" asked a cousin, Benita Harris.

Another cousin questioned the alleged motive. "Why do you kill somebody over a \$25 phone bill? He wasn't that type of guy, wasn't a street guy," Roy Harris said.

Cameron, 31, was hospitalized after swallowing prescription drugs, and was in critical condition, according to Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. Molinelli does not believe it was a suicide attempt because Cameron could have killed himself with the gun.

Relatives said Cameron lost his vision to diabetes and also suffered from high blood pressure and a heart condition.

Costly prevention tactics

WI MADISON — Local law enforcement agencies spent nearly \$500,000 during Halloween this year. Authorities deployed 100 officers along the city's popular State Street in an effort to avoid the Halloween riots of previous years. Luis Yudice, the acting assistant police chief, said he felt he had a mandate from the city to do everything possible to ensure safety. About 450 people were arrested.

Woman, dog killed

CA PITTSBURGH — Tu Thi Tran and her family dog, Rusty, were taking a walk as they did every day when someone driving a Chrysler New Yorker ran them down and took off without stopping or calling for help.

The 79-year-old grandmother was most likely in the crosswalk of the busy street, police said, when the car struck her and the 6-year-old Yorkshire terrier from behind and fled. They both died at the scene.

Tran was taking care of Rusty for her granddaughter, who received the dog as a gift.

Seat belt dispute

FL WEST PALM BEACH — A fatal school bus crash has revived the debate in Florida about whether seat belts should be mandatory — and what kind of protection they provide.

Diana Kautz, a freshman at Royal Palm Beach High School, wasn't wearing a lap belt when her school bus collided with a pickup truck and rolled over last week. She was ejected and killed.

"Just like when we as parents are going to work, we have a lap belt on and a shoulder harness. The same should be available to students on school buses," said Democratic state Rep. Irv Slosberg. His proposed bill last year to require shoulder belts on school buses was never heard.

Palm Beach County School Board members have said they want to review the issue and wait until an investigation of the crash is complete. At least four other states, including New York



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and California, require belts in school buses.

Generous pay raise

ME BANGOR — A 400 percent pay hike may sound more than generous, but it's another story when it's the first increase in more than half a century.

Until this month, the annual stipend for the nine members of the Bangor City Council remained at \$400, the same as it was in 1951 when Harry Truman was president and it cost 3 cents to mail a letter and \$1,540 to buy a new Chevrolet.

Thanks to a charter amendment approved by voters three years ago, the stipend has been raised to \$2,000, with an additional \$500 for the council chairman.

The current chairman, Frank Farrington, opposed the increase, which took effect after the Nov. 2 municipal elections.

"I don't think anyone is in this for the money," he said.

"You serve because you want to help make your community better. That's the kind of community Bangor is."

Stem cell research

IL SPRINGFIELD — Illinois senators declined to endorse embryonic stem cell research. The legislation would have welcomed stem cell research in Illinois, require that patients at fertility clinics be told they could donate un-

needed embryos for research and made it a felony to use cloning to reproduce humans. It would not have provided any public money.

Child-porn deputy

CA MARIN COUNTY — A former sheriff's deputy has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of possessing child pornography, authorities said.

Robert Glen Anderson, 58, entered a guilty plea. He had been indicted on three child-porn counts in April 2003.

Anderson admitted that while living in Vallejo in July 2000, he possessed computer floppy disks that contained child pornography. An examination of the disks showed at least 39 images, including those that showed children involved in sexually explicit conduct, authorities said.

Water contamination

DC WASHINGTON — The water supply of the nation's capital contains minute amounts of a chemical found in rocket fuel even after it is treated, officials announced.

Although samples taken at the Dalcacarla treatment plant indicated measurable amounts of perchlorate, officials said consumers in the District of Columbia and Virginia's Arlington County and city of Falls Church had no reason to be alarmed.

Perchlorate is a naturally occurring compound that can also be manufactured. It's primary use is as a stabilizer in solid rocket fuel. In sufficient amounts, it can interfere with thyroid function and increase the rate of developing thyroid cancer.

"Our water is meeting all EPA water standards," said Thomas Jacobus, general manager of the Washington Aqueduct. Test conducted at the aqueduct indicated some samples ranged from 1.2 to 1.8 parts per billion, but most were a fraction of that amount.

Dad charged with abuse

NH WILTON — A father has been charged with severely injuring his 4-month-old son, breaking eight ribs, an arm and both legs.

Police say they were called to Southern New Hampshire Medical Center on Nov. 4 after Derek Whistler brought the child in, saying he had been crying for 18 hours and that something was wrong with the baby's arm.

According to the police report, Whistler, 39, said he may have been too rough with the boy a couple of times, squeezing him, putting him in his car seat roughly and twisting his arm while dressing him.

The baby's injuries are not life-threatening, said Hillsborough County Attorney Marguerite Wageling.

Whistler was arraigned by Judge Martha Crocker in Milford District Court. He was charged with one count of first-degree assault for each of the incidents that he relayed and is being held at the Hillsborough County Jail on \$100,000 bail. He has a probable cause hearing scheduled on Nov. 23.

If Whistler makes bail, Judge Crocker ordered him to stay at least 100 yards away from the child.



Leaping for joy Shaina Brohard, 11, a student at Mount Carmel Academy, a Catholic school in the Green Bay Diocese, in Wisconsin, leaps across a wall at Jackson Square Park during recess.



Mmm, cranberry juice A man wades amidst a sea of cranberries on his 1,800-acre farm east of Aitkin, Minn.



Back yard circus act Katy Danielle Hundley works out on a trampoline at her house on Short-town Road in Middleburg, Ky.



The tables have turned

Jake, a wild turkey, brings a pair of cars to a stop on County Home Road at the west edge of Whittier, Iowa, as the drivers try to avoid hitting the bird. Jake has been causing minor traffic tie-ups as he chases slow-moving cars.



Groovin' to the music After the formal waltzes, Estefany Pelaez, center, and her friends groove to modern Latin music in the Jacobson Elementary School gymnasium in Chandler, Ariz., during her quinceañera celebration.



Gone fishing Steve Roslund fishes for perch from his kayak on Boyd Lake in Loveland, Colo. Calm water and warm temperatures lured Roslund to the lake on his day off.



Bright performance Members of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater perform for school children at the Music Hall in Kansas City, Mo.



Thanksgiving education From front left, Jefferson Elementary's Tahjric Collins, Kimberly Lopez and Allesandra Castillo sing along with their classmates dressed as Pilgrims and Indians in celebration of American Education Week at the Broadmoor Mall in Hobbs, N.M.

University, Navy deal

HONOLULU — The University of Hawaii Board of Regents has given approval for school administrators to negotiate terms of a new research relationship with the Navy.

A military research center at the university could open the way to \$50 million or more in government contracts. It could become one of five Navy University Affiliated Research Centers in the nation, and the first new one in 60 years.

Native Hawaiians voiced opposition to the defense research at UH.

"The military has done more to damage our lands than anything else, including the bombing of Pearl Harbor," said Manu Kaiaima, of the Kuali Council, which represents all Native Hawaiian organizations on campus. "Do not prostitute our home for money."

The university currently receives \$300 million annually for research projects, including defense work.

Library late fee

MN BLAINE — Most parents wouldn't worry much if notified that one of their children borrowed a load of books and CDs from the library.

But when Michelle Nash got a bill for more than \$350 in overdue fines and replacement costs, she knew something unwholesome was afoot.

It seems there had been promiscuous borrowing on the library card that her 10-year-old son, Garrett, lost last summer.

Michelle Nash had the library put a stop on any use of the card.

The missing items were mostly Christian-music compilations, along with a Louis Armstrong collection and a copy of Motor Trend magazine.

The collection action against the Nashes will stop now that police are looking into the occurrence as a theft.

Inmates released early

WA TACOMA — Two men who were convicted of felony animal cruelty after firing an arrow repeatedly into a stray dog until it died have been released from jail weeks early.

The jail released Troy Loney and Steven Paulson as part of a court-ordered effort to relieve jail overcrowding.

The news prompted agonized reactions from some who led animal-rights demonstrations outside the courthouse during Paulson's and Loney's legal proceedings.

The sheriff's department has enough jail space to accommodate many more inmates, but it can't because the county lacks funds to pay for more jailers.

Mom charged in '72 death

MD BALTIMORE — When Richard A. Coffman's 5-year-old brother died in 1972, Coffman was only 3.

Although his recollection of his brother's death was fuzzy at best, his two-paragraph e-mail to Baltimore County police this summer said he knew who did it: his mother.

Thirty-two years after Edward

Coffman's death, Baltimore County police went to Orange City, Fla., and arrested Diane B. Coffman, 57, at the dental office where she works as a receptionist.

She is charged with first-degree murder in her son's death.

"It's old, the mother is accused of killing her child, and the tip came from another child," said Baltimore County police spokesman Bill Toohy.

Toohy would not say specifically what was in the e-mail sent by Richard Coffman, 35, other than that it was about his mother's character and things that had happened after his brother's death.

"It wasn't so much what he remembered about age 3, but some other things about his past that he shared with us," Toohy said.

The case was reopened in July after Richard Coffman's e-mail grabbed the attention of two Baltimore County detectives.

Turkey hurling incident

NY RONKONKOMA — Five teenagers were arrested in the hurling of a frozen turkey that smashed through a motorist's windshield, critically injuring her.

Police said Ryan Cushing, 18, threw the turkey from a car he and the other teens were riding in. It smashed through the car window of a 44-year-old woman who was driving in the other direction. She was in critical condition at Stony Brook University Hospital.

Cushing was arrested on charges of first-degree assault, reckless endangerment, forgery, criminal mischief and criminal possession of stolen property. He and the other teens allegedly stole a credit card to buy the turkey at a supermarket.

The other four teens were charged with criminal possession of stolen property.

Knife pulled on student

CO BOULDER — A University of Colorado lecturer admits pulling a knife on a pacifist female student he said insulted veterans during his class.

The student said lecturer Michael Kanner shouldn't be disciplined and would like to see if they can work out their differences after Thanksgiving.

The student's statement was released through the university, which is investigating the actions of Kanner, an instructor in political science and international affairs.

Kanner, a former career Army officer, brandished a small pen-knife after the student made a statement during a classroom discussion on Veterans Day.

Tradition snapped

GA ATLANTA — A holiday tradition was stalled when a 75-foot Christmas tree snapped in half. Workers were hoisting the Great Georgia Pine atop Rich's-Macy's store at Lennox Mall when it broke.

Atlanta-based Rich's began the Thanksgiving Day lighting tradition more than 50 years ago. Store officials said they'll bring in a backup tree and still expect to be ready by Thanksgiving.

Stories and photos from wire services

OPINION

With GOP victory, last Powell army retreats

The Washington wars over foreign policy may not have ended, but one side is clearly in retreat.

The departure of Colin Powell from the State Department and the purge at the CIA are clear signals that the realist camp is reeling.

Daniel Snider



The ideologues and their two champions—Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld—stand triumphant.

The Bush administration has been fractured by the battle between these two camps. Advocates of diplomacy and alliances butted heads with fans of force and the unbridled exercise of American power.

Their policy war has taken place in very real ways. The realists lost the big one—the decision to go to war in Iraq. When it came to North Korea and Iran's nuclear weapons programs, the realists and the ideologues fought to a standstill, leaving the administration with no clear policy.

In the wake of the election, Powell, the anointed leader of the realist camp, went to the president and offered to stay on. He expressed "concerns" about the way national security policy has been made that, in the words of a senior State Department official, "may have sounded like criticisms."

President Bush, however, had already taken sides. "The president basically wanted to clear this side of the house,"

the official told me.

Along with Powell, several senior officials will head out the door. Among them will be Powell's fierce ally and deputy, Rich Armitage, as well as Assistant Secretary of State Jim Kelly, who runs East Asia policy and is the chief negotiator with North Korea. Others will follow soon.

With the notable exception of North Korea, the ideologues left Asia to the realists. That's why American relations with that part of the globe are a bright spot for the Bush administration.

The American strategic partnership with India has deepened, while Armitage and friends deftly managed to keep Pakistan an ally in the war against Islamic extremism. This team elevated our alliance with Japan to near-British levels. And they did this while tightening ties with a rival rising Asian power, China, steering through some perilous waters on the way.

Less tangibly, but not less important, Powell restored the morale of the diplomats in the State Department. While it often is the target of cheap attacks, the Foreign Service represents an invaluable trove of knowledge, and the president needs it.

Given all that, what does the replacement of Powell with Condoleezza Rice suggest? In policy terms, Rice has realist roots that are not that distant from Powell. But the former Stanford professor and Soviet specialist has been distinguished more during the past four years by her family-like ties with the president. She may have sided with Powell or with Cheney at different moments, but her allegiance is to Bush.

Powell has tried to reassure senior staff at State that having a secretary of State with



that kind of intimate access to the president can be an advantage. And it is not unprecedented. Henry Kissinger also moved from national security adviser to State during Nixon's second term. And Jim Baker went from White House insider to become Foreign Secretary.

But those precedents offer a cautionary note as well. Both Kissinger and Baker had little use for the State Department. They sat over there, along with a tight circle of aides, but did not empower the building. As Baker famously said, he was the White House's man in the State De-

partment, not the reverse.

Best case, Rice will draw upon State's well of expertise, particularly in areas such as Asia where she has little experience. But if I had to guess, the Rice era at State will be formed in the Baker mold.

Many at State have apparently reached the same conclusion. There have been a record number of retirements of senior officials this year, and a surge since Powell made his announcement. It is not yet a sinking ship, but they seem to be heading for drier ground.

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Civil service in for much-needed rude awakening

BY JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Scraps Howard

Porter Goss, the new CIA director, is cleaning house. It's about time.

The next step is to apply his strategy—call it Gossification—to the rest of the federal bureaucracy.

Goss, an ex-CIA agent, had been chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, and he knew that the agency was a nest of merely of spies but of devious opponents of President Bush who were working to undermine him because they preferred to run their own foreign policy.

According to a recent column by Robert Novak, Goss got the green light from the president and from Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "With leaks intended to harm the re-election campaign of the president of the United States," McCain said of the CIA, "it is not only dysfunctional, but a rogue organization.... It has to be cleaned out."

Goss removed the head of clandestine operations. The No. 2 CIA official resigned, along with four other senior officials. The new director issued a memorandum, stating, "I also intend to clarify beyond doubt the rules of the road. We support the administration and its policies in our work. As agency employees we do not identify with, support or champion opposition to the administration or its policies."

The memo brought yelps of protest from CIA leakers and their friends in the press. But Goss was right. In fact, it's time to apply Gossification to other anti-Bush strongholds, notably the State Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

With the election of Bush to a second term, Republicans will hold the White House for 20 of 28 years; the Senate, 16 years; the House, 12 years straight. But this sea change has little effect on the executive branch itself. There are just 3,000 politi-

cal appointees, compared with a civil service of 1.8 million workers, "many of whom," writes Washington Post reporter Dana Milbank, "are impossible to fire."

Presidential nominees take an average of eight months to be approved by Congress. Worse, many of them most career civil servants at middle and upper levels resist implementing policies they don't like and do their best to shape their own.

Such bureaucrats often lean left—because federal jobs attract people who believe in a missionary government and because Democrats controlled Washington almost continuously for a half-century. But the White House seems hell-bent on making bureaucratic transformation a top priority.

The next target has to be State. My brief experience on an advisory board examining public diplomacy revealed Foreign Service officers seething with contempt for Bush, whom they consider an uncultured, unilateralist.

One of the first tasks of the newly nominated secretary, Condoleezza Rice, must be to lay down the law, Goss-style, at State.

For help, I hope she'll take John Bolton as deputy. Bolton, now an undersecretary, is the architect of the Proliferation Security Initiative, which the Wall Street Journal said "has arguably been Colin Powell's most important achievement at State."

Bolton, who was earlier my colleague at the American Enterprise Institute, has served in the executive branch for 16 years, and he's a brilliant bureaucratic navigator.

Indeed, the White House should put someone like Bolton in the No. 2 post of every department and key agency, with explicit responsibility for rooting out administration opponents and gaining control of policy. How to do that when bureaucrats have the equivalent of academic tenure? Make their lives miserable, transfer them or re-educate them. But don't leave them in place.

Particularly in need of transformation are the Labor Department, which, practically a union local; Justice; Treasury; Education; the Food and Drug Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; and the SEC.

In the past, activist Republican secretaries have gathered a cottage of like-minded political appointees and tried to run hostile departments on their own. But Bush's sweeping second-term policy proposals preclude a Fort Apache approach.

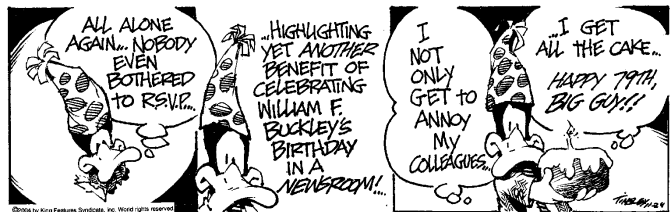
The attitude of many top bureaucrats can be summed up thus: "This is 'my' agency. The politicians are only renting a room for a while. I can ignore them and subvert them. Eventually, they will leave."

Such careerists won't be tamed easily. But the work needs to begin, and Porter Goss has shown the way. Other "rogue organizations," in McCain's belittling phrase, are crying out for the same treatment.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Horoscope

The sun squares Uranus, and Venus trines the revolutionary planet. A jolt could cause a degree of personal discomfort but may nonetheless be terrific for a relationship. The connection between raised levels of anxiety and passionate excitement cannot be denied. It's being unsure about what's going to happen next that makes love such a rush.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 24). Your talents are recognized this year. New partners in business are featured next month — your financial sector flourishes when you join a winning team. Loved ones bend over backward to make you happy through January, but it's when you reciprocate that you get an incredible influx of luck. Public mention boosts business in February.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

When the sun is shining down nicely on a relationship, it seems to you to be a good moment to provoke a storm. That's why loving you is such an adventure. Be aware of what you're doing and your motivation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You've got nothing to lose by being shy, but being shy could damage your chance at succeeding in business. Anything to keep others from pigeonholing your talent will be lucky. An association with a Virgo is key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Many new demands come into your world, and the old ones aren't going anywhere. The result is a glut of sorts. If you keep your optimism, people and events organize themselves without your having to figure it all out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Just as the moon glows in the reflection of the sun, you glow in the reflection of someone who is a star in your life. Giving to someone else helps you know, and find a deeper love for, yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As your career hopes along at a sluggish pace, a friend's career may be taking off like a rocket. You would

benefit from marketing yourself differently, which could be complex or as simple as buying a spiffy jacket.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Stay out of the family drama. Don't even give an opinion! You're right-lipped because you know those with loose lips lose friends. Unverified rumors, half-truths and innuendoes abound. Set the record straight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An opinion you hold that once seemed relevant — or necessary even — now appears to be dead wrong. No amount of convincing will make it right. Just drop it. Tonight, a love story will be whispered to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Receive as readily as you give! You could make love connection by flirting outrageously. That pricey item you'd like to splurge on will come down in price if you just wait it out another few weeks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An initiation between loved ones need only last a few minutes, but it could go on all day if you let it. A happy resolution is at hand the moment you outline the problem and make a new agreement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Winning is not as important as having fun. At work, a lot of talk flies around, and you are easily persuaded by what you hear. Consider the source. Someone is trying to get your attention with a subtle and lovely gesture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Relationships take a tip down memory lane. A question once posed by fictional relationship columnist Carrie Bradshaw comes to mind: Can you get to the future if your past is present? You'll find out tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

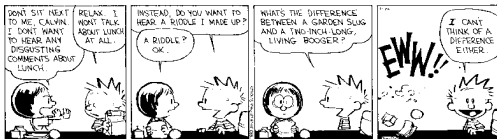
Self-determination is the key word. Think for yourself, and gain recognition as an independent problem solver. That doesn't mean you shouldn't stay in the loop, though! Take time to absorb the latest input from friends.

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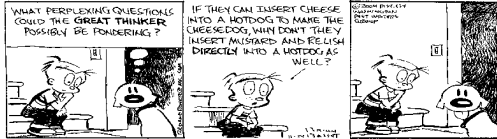
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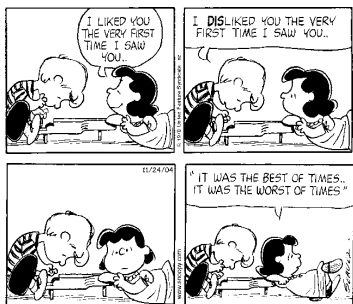
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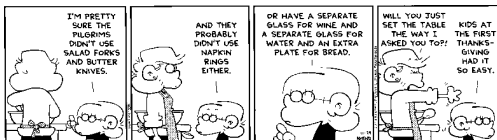
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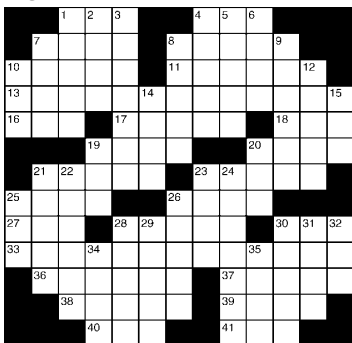
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Concorde letters
- 4 — glance
- 7 "Fish Magic" painter
- 8 Profession
- 10 Physique
- 11 Shocked
- 13 Chairs, sofa, etc.
- 16 Exploit
- 17 Single-handedly
- 18 BamBI's aunt
- 19 "Boy! Did — a Wrong Number"
- 20 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 21 Babe Ruth wore it
- 23 Green Party candidate
- 25 Pan foe
- 26 Drill
- 27 Completely
- 28 Cheer up
- 30 Samuel's teacher
- 33 It's often seen with 13-Across
- 36 J.R. Ewing et al.
- 37 Comes in last
- 38 Beetle with a beat
- 39 Eternally
- 40 General on Chinese menus
- 41 Clinton's instrument

Down

- 1 Drudge
- 2 Big rig
- 3 Adolescent
- 4 Inert gas
- 5 Resort lake
- 6 Leading man trademark
- 7 Barbara's "A Star Is Born" co-star
- 8 Pack to the future?
- 9 Ancient ascetic
- 10 Winter woe
- 12 Pavlov, e.g.
- 14 Merriment
- 15 Pantyhose shade
- 19 Annoy
- 20 Lemon drink
- 21 Apartment sign
- 22 Cry out
- 23 Reply to the Little Red Hen
- 24 Cactus buds
- 25 Hedda Hopper trademark
- 26 — profundo
- 28 Commerce Secretary Don
- 29 Jargon
- 30 County of England
- 31 Amorous gaze
- 32 — a Wonderful Life!
- 34 Freeway sign
- 35 PBS science series

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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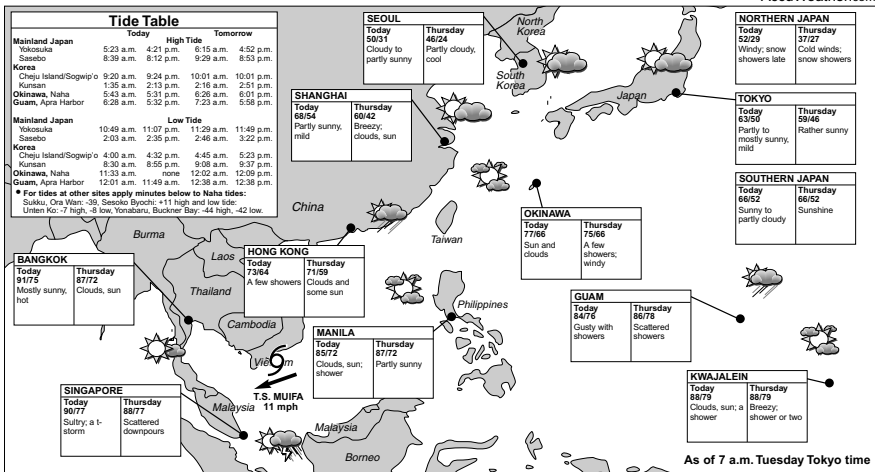
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Showers, high 62, low 54.
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 62, low 46.

KADENA

Friday: Showers, high 75, low 63.
 Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 73, low 63.

SEUL

Friday: Mostly sunny, high 42, low 32.
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 50, low 30.

MANILA

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 72.
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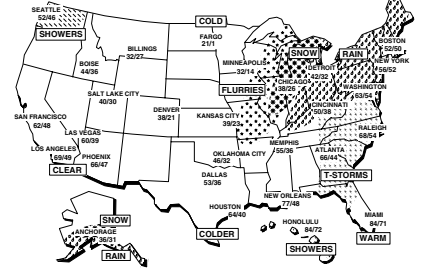
HAGATNA

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 Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 78.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	53/36	Los Angeles	64/47
Amarillo	55/39	Little Rock	58/54
Anchorage	39/28	Louisville	56/47
Ashville	66/51	Miami	82/70
Baltimore	56/42	Milwaukee	47/39
Birmingham	67/61	Nashville	63/53
Bismarck	50/17	New York	56/44
Boise	43/27	Omaha	52/33
Boston	53/39	Orlando	84/64
Brownsville	87/72	Philadelphia	56/42
Buffalo	49/36	Phoenix	58/46
Burlington	50/28	Pittsburgh	49/38
Charleston, SC	74/60	Portland, OR	49/42
Charlotte	68/56	Portland, ME	51/29
Chicago	49/38	Salt Lake City	45/24
Columbus, OH	50/41	St. Louis	53/46
Dallas	55/21	San Antonio	74/62
El Paso	60/40	San Diego	64/48
Fort Worth	53/38	San Jose	85/74
Havana	42/25	Tampa	83/66
Indianapolis	52/44	Tulsa	52/44
Jacksonville	81/60	Washington	59/46
Kansas City	52/40	Wichita	52/42

Wednesday, November 24



U.S. Extended Forecast

A potent storm system will spread an area of rain from the southern Plains into the Tennessee Valley Wednesday. The rain will push into the Northeast as the day progresses with winds increasing. The strongest winds will be felt across the Great Lakes. Despite mild temperatures, showers and thunderstorms will develop in parts of the Southeast ahead of the associated cold front. As colder air filters into the backside of this system, some snow will fall over parts of the southern Plains. The combination of the snow and gusty winds will lead to some blowing snow. Meanwhile, much of the West will remain dry as flurries spread across the Rocky Mountains.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/75	Iwakuni	67/61
Beijing	39/21	Kadena AB	77/66
Camp Casey	53/31	Kunsan AB	59/40
Christchurch	51/34	Kwajalein	88/79
Diego Garcia	88/79	Manila	85/72
Hagatna	74/64	Masawa AB	56/32
Hanoi	86/76	Osan	62/41
Hong Kong	73/64	Perth	77/62
Honolulu	84/72	Pusan	64/47

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/74	Sasebo	52/29
Athens	61/39	Seoul	50/31
Auckland	62/45	Shanghai	68/54
Baghdad	55/34	Singapore	90/77
Barbados	87/71	Sydney	69/54
Barcelona	58/47	Taegu	62/41
Berlin	37/29	Taipei	77/62
Bermuda	73/64	Tokyo	63/50
Brussels	44/36		

Wednesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Buenos Aires	77/57	Kiev	28/19
Cairo	68/48	Kuwait	65/40
Cancun	85/72	London	51/43
Cape Town	73/55	Madrid	61/49
Geneva	47/41	Mexico City	75/46
Istanbul	48/30	Montreal	49/44
Jerusalem	59/45	Mogadishu	85/72
Johannesburg	81/58	Moscow	22/14
		Nairobi	78/51
		New Delhi	83/61
		Paris	34/33
		Rio de Janeiro	45/36
		Rome	56/38
		St. Petersburg	21/13
		Stockholm	30/29
		Warsaw	31/21



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NASCAR finishes strong

Busch's narrow title win, high TV ratings mark reformulated points system a success

By Mike Harris
The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — There were plenty of doubters when NASCAR announced its new play-off-style championship format before the start of the 2004 season.

The new 10-man, 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup championship was contrived, they said. It wouldn't reflect the real champion like the full season points race had done under the system in place since 1975.

On Sunday, after a wild, dramatic day of racing in the season-ending Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, it would likely have been hard to find anyone who doubted that the Chase was a success.

Kurt Busch, a brash, hard-nosed racer who has not always endeared himself to the fans, overcame a broken wheel, a messed-up pit stop and strong challenges from Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon to win the closest championship in NASCAR history and the cheers of the sellout crowd.

It also drew a larger television audience than normal. The race earned a 5.6 overnight rating for NBC, the best in the race's six-year history and the best performance ever for a NASCAR race against NFL football on Sunday.

Johnson lost the battle with Busch by just eight points, with teammate Gordon another eight points back for the closest three-way finish in NASCAR's 56 years. Of course, that's exactly what the Chase was set up to accomplish, reconfiguring the standings, reformatting the top 10 drivers by just 45 points when the play-off began.

In other seasons, Johnson's se-

Closest title finishes

Closest point finishes for the NASCAR title:
9 — Kurt Busch wins over Jimmie Johnson, 2004.
10 — Alan Kulicki wins over Bill Elliott, 1992.
11 — Richard Petty wins over Darrell Waltrip, 1973.
12 — Rusty Wallace wins over Dale Earnhardt, 1986.
14 — Jeff Gordon wins over Dale Jarrett, 1997.
15 — Dale Earnhardt wins over Cale Yarborough, 1980.

ries-leading eight race wins and 19 top-five finishes might have been the difference. Or perhaps Gordon's consistency over the entire 36-race schedule, including a series-leading 24 top-10 finishes would have given him a fifth championship.

Figuring the points under the old system, Gordon would have won the title by 47 points over Johnson, with Dale Earnhardt Jr. third and Busch fourth, 247 behind. But that does not take into account that the contenders all adopted different strategies for testing and experimenting with parts and pieces to prepare for the Chase.

Busch, who was seventh in the points when the Chase started, won the title by overcoming mistakes, crashes and mechanical failures throughout the 10-race finish, racing to nine top-10 finishes and leading the points from the third playoff race to the finish.

"Kurt has done an awesome job on these last 10 races," said crew chief Jimmy Fenig, who also won his first title after helping Busch's Roush Racing teammate Mark Martin to three runner-up finishes. "He kept his cool."

Johnson had his problems, too, falling behind by 247 points after the first four races of the Chase. He got back into it by winning four of five races leading into the

finale.

No regrets, though.

"It was an incredible season for our team," Johnson said. "We won a lot of races and that's something I'm very proud of. I set a personal goal to try to win five races this year and then to have eight overall and four in the Chase is pretty amazing."

"We were eight points away from the championship. But, if we look back on the season and try to pick apart 'should've's, would've's,' it wouldn't be right. We showed up and gave 100 percent and it is what it is."

Johnson was openly critical about the new points system that divided the season into two separate sections, with the first 26 races determining the 10 contenders and the last 10 for the championship. But the intensity and drama of the last few races had him singing a different tune.

"I think it's going to add some longevity to the driver's careers, especially if you don't get off to a good start in the season," Johnson said. "The top five guys, at least, don't have to worry about points like they did in the past. That's something Jeff brought to my attention."

"You didn't have that yearlong stress to worry about. I look at that and I think that is going to be good for years to come. I think, with all the excitement we had built around this race, there are more positives than the negatives that I spoke about earlier in the year. In the end, I think it will be better for everybody."

The biggest objection to the new system was the fear that one bad race during the Chase would eliminate a contender. Both Busch, who had an engine failure and finished 42nd last month in



Kurt Busch looks up at his trophy after winning the 2004 Nextel Cup Championship on Sunday at the Homestead-Miami-Speedway in Homestead, Fla. Busch finished fifth in the Ford 400 to clinch the title.

Atlanta, and Johnson, who had consecutive finishes of 37th and 32nd in October at Talladega and Kansas City, proved that one wrong.

Some people would like to see race winners get a bigger bonus from the 10-point edge they now get over the second-place finisher.

Others would like to see the contenders scored separately from the rest of the field once the

Chase begins.

Brian France, just completing his first full season as NASCAR's chairman, was the architect of the new format. He said he is extremely pleased with the way it has played out, and big changes are not likely.

"We may end up making some slight adjustments next season, but nothing very noticeable," he said before the final race.

Considering the result, that will be just fine with most everybody.

Expos rechristened 'Nationals' for move to Washington

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Montreal Expos would be renamed the Washington Nationals if the proposed move of the franchise is approved by baseball owners.

The team's new colors would be red, white and blue, club president Tony Taveras said Monday during a news conference at Union Station to announce the name change. Caps will have a script "W" and the team's secondary logo will feature an interlocking "NC."

"This is a thrilling and important step in returning the national pastime to the nation's capital," Taveras said. "The team name and colors not only represent our new home, but also symbolize the joining together of Washington's baseball past and its future."

Just before the news conference began, a member of the D.C. Statehood Green Party went on



The Washington Nationals logo.

the stage with a sign reading "Stop the \$614 million stadium giveaway." The protester, Adam Eidinger, opposes the plan by District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams to finance a ballpark for the team, saying it will cost far more than the estimated \$435 million.

Several men, including former Washington Senators announcer Charlie Brotman, jumped Eidinger. A tussle ensued, and the

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podium nearly fell over before security management to drag the protester off stage. Eidinger said detained briefly and then released.

"I'm breathing hard," Brotman, 73, announced to the crowd. "This has nothing to do with heavy weight championship fight coming to town."

The move of the team is subject to the approval of baseball owners, which is expected, and the District of Columbia Council must act by Dec. 31 to put a financing plan in place for a new ballpark.

Colorado A.D. resigns

BOULDER, Colo. — Colorado athletic director Dick Tharp resigned Monday, ending a nine-year tenure sullied by accu-

sations of recruiting violations and fiscal mismanagement.

The resignation came just months after the school's football program was rocked by allegations that sex and alcohol were used to entice recruits, and lawsuits accused players or recruits of sexual assault.

New allegations about fundraising problems surfaced this month.

Tharp said his resignation was not an admission of wrongdoing.

"The record will show that I performed my duties responsibly and in the best interests of the department of athletics and the University of Colorado," he wrote in his resignation letter.

Yankees' Sheffield to have shoulder surgery

NEW YORK — Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield didn't feel improvement following two weeks of rehabilitation and will

have arthroscopic surgery on his left shoulder Tuesday.

Sheffield, who finished second to Anaheim's Vladimir Guerrero in AL MVP voting, was examined Nov. 3 by Dr. James Andrews, who advised him to follow a rehab routine for two weeks.

"He didn't feel it went well. It was still experiencing problems," Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said Monday.

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NFL scoreboard

American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	0	0	.889	237	152
N.Y. Giants	8	0	0	.800	212	162
Buffalo	4	6	0	.400	180	243
Miami	2	9	0	.100	140	210
South						
Indianapolis	7	0	0	.700	239	129
Jacksonville	6	0	0	.666	166	181
Tennessee	6	0	0	.600	189	239
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	186	212
North						
Pittsburgh	10	0	0	.900	340	141
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	204	160
Cincinnati	6	0	0	.600	183	157
Cleveland	5	0	0	.500	172	162
West						
Denver	7	0	0	.700	233	167
San Diego	7	0	0	.700	205	190
Kansas City	6	0	0	.600	182	170
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	180	225

National Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	1	0	.900	266	158
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	196	172
Washington	5	5	0	.500	192	182
South						
Atlanta	2	0	0	.200	108	174
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	211	218
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	192	182
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	196	222
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	256	230
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	264	245
Seattle	4	6	0	.400	162	208
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	183	216
West						
San Diego	6	4	0	.600	205	185
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	220	254
San Francisco	1	9	0	.100	177	214

Sunday games

Baltimore vs. Dallas	10	0	0	.000	10	0
Seattle vs. St. Louis	17	0	0	.000	10	0
Indianapolis at Chicago	10	0	0	.000	10	0
Denver vs. New Orleans	13	0	0	.000	10	0
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland	17	0	0	.000	10	0
Carolina vs. Arizona	10	0	0	.000	10	0
Tennessee at Jacksonville	15	0	0	.000	10	0
Minnesota at Detroit	19	0	0	.000	10	0
San Francisco at Cincinnati	14	0	0	.000	10	0
Tampa Bay vs. San Francisco	3	0	0	.000	10	0
San Diego at Miami	17	0	0	.000	10	0
San Diego at Oakland	17	0	0	.000	10	0
Atlanta vs. N.Y. Giants	10	0	0	.000	10	0
Philadelphia vs. Washington	6	0	0	.000	10	0
Green Bay vs. Houston	13	0	0	.000	10	0

Monday's games

New England at Kansas City	10	0	0	.000	10	0
Indianapolis at Dallas	10	0	0	.000	10	0
Chicago at Dallas	10	0	0	.000	10	0
Tennessee at Houston	10	0	0	.000	10	0
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Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants	10	0	0	.000	10	0
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Tuesday, Nov. 23

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Total Net Yards	222	287
Rushes-yards	35-94	21-59
Passing	128	228

Eagles close on another NFC East title

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — There was another touchdown pass from Donovan McNabb to Terrell Owens. There was another easy victory over a division rival. Now the Philadelphia Eagles are one win away from another division championship.

McNabb tied a career high with four touchdown passes to lead Philadelphia to a 26-6 victory over the Redskins on Sunday.

"The Eagles can clinch their fourth consecutive NFC East title with a victory at the New York Giants next Sunday.

"It says a lot about our organization, it says a lot about Coach (Andy) Reid, it says a lot about the players that are here," McNabb said.

Philadelphia is 9-1 for the first time since the 1981 season, when they opened 11-1 and went to the Super Bowl.

While division titles seem routine, so are NFL tie-game losses. The expectations for this season after three straight championship defeats are Super Bowl or bust. While critics focus on the postseason failures, safety Brian Dawkins said it was time to enjoy the ride and not worry about where it ends.

"I don't want to talk about what we didn't do last year," Dawkins said. "I want to enjoy the game and if we get back to that point, I'm going to enjoy that game."

McNabb threw two TD passes to Brian Westbrook and one each to Owens and Chad Lewis. It was his second straight game TD performance, fourth of the season and sixth in his six-year career.

Philadelphia has won seven of its 10 games this season by double-digit margins.

"They've been dominating this division," Redskins coach Joe

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Gibbs said. "They're well-coached, well-balanced and their quarterback is phenomenal."

Patrick Ramsey, making his first start of the season after replacing the ineffective Mark Brunell last week, couldn't revive Washington's sputtering offense. Ramsey finished 21-for-34 for 162 yards and an interception.

Clinton Portis ran 17 times for 37 yards.

"I think there's always things I think I can do better," Ramsey said. "I felt for the most part I was fairly accurate."

The Redskins (3-7) haven't scored more than 18 points in a game this season, the longest time a game without scoring 20 points in a game since the 1930s.

McNabb was 18-for-26 for 222 yards before Koy Detmer came in to finish the game.

McNabb's 1-yard TD pass to Westbrook put the Eagles ahead 21-6 with 9:01 left. His 14-yard TD toss to Westbrook capped the scoring.

The Eagles took a 14-6 lead on McNabb's 10-yard TD pass to Owens in the third quarter.

Owens became just the second receiver in NFL history to score 13 TDs in five different seasons, joining Jerry Rice — who has done it eight times.

Falcons 14, Giants 10: Michael Vick ran for 104 yards and threw two first-half touchdowns passes to Alge Crumpler to lead the visiting Falcons (8-2), spoiling Eli Manning's first start.

After a shaky first half, Manning showed why the Giants (5-5) mortgaged their future on two second-half drives that won the game.

one-half drives that turned a one-sided game into a thriller. A 6-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Shockey got New York within 14-7 in the third quarter and another long drive set up a 24-yard field goal by Steve Christie with 6:29 to play.

Manning, the brother of NFL coach Tom Manning, had one final shot to stage a remarkable comeback, but linebacker Keith Brooking broke up a fourth-down pass to seal the Falcons' third straight win.

Chargers 23, Raiders 17: At Oakland, Calif., Antonio Gates had eight receptions for 101 yards and a touchdown, LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 64 yards and a score and three carries, and the Chargers won their fourth straight game.

Drew Brees passed for 226 yards and also ran for a touchdown to help the Chargers (7-3) beat the Raiders (3-7) for the second time in three weeks.

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Third Quarter

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Vikings' Moss expected to play this week

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss is expected back on the field this week for the Minnesota Vikings, provided his strained right hamstring doesn't swell.

Coach Mike Tice said Monday a reasonable plan for Moss in Sunday's game against the Jacksonville Jaguars is to play mostly in three-receiver formations.

Since sustaining the injury Oct. 17 in New Orleans, Moss twice made token appearances without catching a pass and did not dress for the last three games.

He's still tied for third in the NFC with eight touchdown receptions for the Vikings (6-4), who have lost three games in streak by beating Detroit 22-9 on Sunday.

Moss, who has been running routes on the side for the past week, looked good in an intense workout Monday morning to test his strength and endurance. Tice and team trainers want to make sure he doesn't swell in the next week before allowing him to practice.

He'll be listed as doubtful, for

"Hopefully as the week progresses we'll be able to fix that and turn it into questionable, probably," Tice said. "We'll see."

Pro Bowl center Matt Birk, who has been playing with intense abdominal pain, might have to sit out a game or two next month to let the injury calm. He's expected to play against the Jaguars, though.

Nat Dorsey, who took over at right tackle when Mike Rothermal was lost for the season with a injury, strained his right shoulder and might have to miss this week.

Browns tackle out for season

BEREA, Ohio — Right tackle Ryan Tucker is done for the season after tearing a left knee liga-

Seahawks' Robinson suspended

The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle receiver Koren Robinson was suspended without pay Monday for the next four games for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

Robinson will sit out home games against Buffalo and Dallas as well as road trips to Minnesota and the New York Jets. He is eligible to return for a Dec. 26 home game against Arizona.

during Sunday's loss to the Jets, another devastating loss for the reeling Browns. Tucker will have surgery next week.

The loss of their best offensive lineman is another blow to the Browns (3-7), who have lost several starters, including rookie tight end Kellen Winslow Jr., right guard Kelvin Garmon and defensive end Courtney Brown to season-ending injuries.

Tucker tore his medial collateral ligament and sustained other damage to his knee. He had surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the same knee eight years ago.

Davis said quarterback Jeff Garcia is a day to day after injuring his right, throwing shoulder on Sunday.

Pennington throwing again

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Jets quarterback Chad Pennington will start throwing this week for the first time since straining his right rotator cuff, but his exact return to the lineup is uncertain.

Pennington, injured against Buffalo on Nov. 7, met Monday with his doctors, who cleared him to begin soft tossing Wednesday. A second MRI exam was not required.

Will miss his third straight game Sunday when the Jets play at Arizona. Coach Herman Edwards initially said Pennington

Robinson also sat out Sunday's 24-17 victory over Miami, but coach Mike Holmgren said that was done as punishment for violating undisclosed team rules and had no relation to the NFL suspension.

Holmgren has acknowledged Robinson traveled to New York last week on an off day for Seahawks players to appeal a possible suspension, but the team hasn't heard from the league office.

would be out two to four weeks, but would not speculate Monday when his starter would be back.

Edwards expects Pennington back this season, despite reports he might need season-ending surgery. Pennington said the earliest he could return is Dec. 5 against Houston.

More injury woes for Titans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Cornerback Andre Woolfolk had surgery Monday to repair his dislocated right wrist, which doctors could not put back into place. Rookie safety Justin Sandy broke his left ankle in his NFL debut 48 hours after being activated off the practice squad.

They will join five other Titans already lost for the season on a team that had 11 others listed on the injury report last week before their 18-15 victory over Jacksonville.

Coach Jeff Fisher also said Monday that left tackle Brad Hodkins will miss Sunday's game at Houston. He recovered from surgery on his broken right hand, and defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth (dislocated elbow) also remains unlikely to play.

Injuries leave Packers with one healthy running back

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Packers are down to one healthy run-

ning back in 33-year-old fullback William Henderson.

Tailbacks Ahman Green (ribs) and Tony Fisher (neck stinger) and fullback Nick Luckey (shoulder) all got hurt Sunday night at Houston, as did rookie running back Walter Williams, who was cleared to return to practice Saturday to replace tailback Najeh Davenport (hamstring) and sprained an ankle in his NFL debut.

Green underwent a CT scan on his rib cage and Luckey had an MRI on his separated shoulder Monday. Coach Mike Sherman acknowledged he was concerned about both players.

Rossley said Williams suffered a high ankle sprain, which usually sidelines a player six to eight weeks.

Colts rookie out 3-6 weeks

INDIANAPOLIS — Safety Bob Sanders will miss the next three to six weeks with a knee injury suffered in a 41-10 win over Chicago. Sanders suffered a sprained knee, a collateral ligament in his right knee.

"You hate to see people get hurt, but it happens and that's why you need a lot of guys on the roster," Dungey said.

The Colts made Sanders their top draft pick in April, taking him in the second round when strong starter Reggie Miller was expected to sign a contract, ending a month-long holdout in late August.

A foot injury he had in college kept him out of practice until mid-October.

Sanders made his debut Oct. 24 against Jacksonville and started the last three games out of Iowa. But he was the last drafted player to sign a contract, ending a month-long holdout in late August.

A foot injury he had in college kept him out of practice until mid-October.

Fare rallies Packers in fourth

Longwell kicks winning FG as Texans held scoreless in second half

By JOEL ANDERSON

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — With time minutes left and the game tied, Brett Favre had the ball and a tiring defense in front of him.

The Houston Texans couldn't have been in a much worse situation.

"Favre is a guy that you never have enough points when you play against him," Texans coach Dom Capers said.

Favre led the Packers all the way back in the fourth quarter and Ryan Longwell kicked a 46-yard field goal as time expired, sending Green Bay to its fifth straight win, 16-13 over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Favre was 6-for-7 for 42 yards on the final drive — the only incompletion came when he spiked the ball to stop the clock — to set up Longwell's field goal. Longwell responded with his second game-winning kick in as many

weeks, completing Green Bay's rally from a 10-point deficit in the final quarter.

"It was a clutch situation," Packers coach Mike Sherman said of Longwell. "And he's pretty strong in those situations."

Favre was also pretty clutch, going 33-for-50 for 383 yards with two interceptions and a touchdown to Houston native Donald Driver in the fourth period. Driver had quite a homecoming, catching 10 passes for 143 yards.

The Packers sputtered on offense throughout the first three quarters, clearly missing injured star tailback Adrian Peterson, who was knocked out of the game with a rib injury in the second quarter. He finished with 15 yards on only five carries.

Relying on a third-string tailback (Tony Fisher) and a guy called up from the practice squad Saturday (Walter Williams), Favre was forced to shoulder much of the offensive burden.

"At one point, we were totally out of running backs," Favre said. We had to alter our gameplan some and had to abandon our running game a little bit."

That proved to be a good move. Favre finally got going in the fourth quarter, leading the Packers on a seven-play, 81-yard drive he capped with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Driver. Favre made a deft pump fake on the play, fooling rookie cornerback Dunta Robinson and giving Driver a wide-open path into the end zone.

The Packers scored again on Longwell's 38-yard field goal midway through the quarter, tying it at 13.

Favre failed on his first attempt to break the tie, throwing an interception to Robinson, who was running step for step with receiver Antonio Chatman.

But the Texans went three plays and out for the third straight time, and Favre predictably came up big.

"Brett is probably the best quarterback in the game during the two-minute drives," Driver said. "He told us that we had to make a play and that's what we did."

Green Bay (6-4) stayed tied with Minnesota for first place in the NFC North.

The Texans (4-6) lost their third straight and learned a valuable lesson about letting a veteran team hang around.

"You can't give a great quarterback like that anything," Robinson said. "That's Captain Comeback the Second with John Elway."

Texans quarterback David Carr started fast, but finished with a thud.

Midway through the second quarter, Carr connected with Andre Johnson for a 49-yard pass to the Green Bay 6. Carr found Donnie Davis in the flat on the next play for a 7-3 lead.

At halftime, Carr was 8-for-15 for 115 yards. After the break, he



Green Bay Packers kicker Ryan Longwell (8) watches his game-winning 46-yard field goal on Sunday against the Texans.

went 5-for-11 for 49 yards as the Texans were so bad on offense the crowd started booing. Davis was held to 65 yards on 21 carries.

"To go out and not score anything in the second half is not acceptable," Texans right guard Todd Wade said. "It's embarrassing."

Seahawks back atop NFC West with win over Miami

By TIM KORTE

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Sometimes, the Seattle Seahawks look unstoppable.

At others, they look resilient. Just the same, the resilient Seahawks are back atop the NFC West.

Michael Boulware intercepted A.J. Feeley's pass and returned it 63 yards for a touchdown with 56 seconds remaining, lifting Seattle to a thrilling 24-17 win over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday.

With St. Louis (5-5) losing at Buffalo, the Seahawks (6-4) reclaimed first place in their division. Getting a win, however, was the most important thing for visibly relieved coach Mike Holmgren.

"Any time you can win a game, steal a game, it's huge," Holmgren said. "I expect to do better in a game, and we didn't do it today. That's troublesome to me right now. I can still enjoy the win and grind over a few of the missed opportunities."

It was another tough loss for Miami (1-9), which will stay West to prepare for next week. The Dolphins traveled straight to San Francisco, where they'll spend the holiday week getting ready to face the 49ers.

In his last nine games this year and this is the one that hurts more than any of them," tight end Randy McMichael said. "We fought so hard ... It hurts worse be-



Seattle Seahawks' Jerry Rice, right, looks back as Miami Dolphins' Sam Madison (29) gives chase in the third quarter Sunday in Seattle.

cause we can't go home and see our loved ones."

The Dolphins could have had this one. Seattle converted just 3-for-14 third-down opportunities, failing on a key try at the 50-yard line midway through the fourth quarter.

The Seahawks allowed big plays on punt and kickoff coverage, yet Boulware saved the big play for the end.

"I was able to read the quarterback's eyes," Boulware said. "I was able to get a good jump on the ball."

Feeley, hobbled with a sore right hip from most of the game, was looking for Chris Chambers on the right side when Boulware

caught the ball in stride. It was the fourth time this season Feeley has had an interception go back for a TD, and this one spoiled the debut of interim coach Jim Bates.

"I should have cut my losses and thrown it away," Feeley said.

As Boulware streaked past the Seattle bench, Holmgren turned and breathed a huge sigh of relief.

"What a wonderful play," Holmgren said. "We needed that so bad."

It was a gritty effort by Feeley, who played in severe pain after getting hurt in the second quarter. He directed a 48-yard drive in nine plays, and Orlando Mare's 39-yard field goal made it 17-11 with 2:20 remaining.

Seattle, which led 17-7 at halftime, was crisp in the first quarter but soon struggled with Trent Dilfer at quarterback. Dilfer made his first start since Oct. 27, 2002, because Matt Hasselbeck was sidelined with a sore right thigh.

"I wasn't comfortable," said Dilfer, who completed 14 of 28 passes for 196 yards with one TD and two interceptions. "I didn't see the field the way I normally do. I usually see things and don't get tricked."

After Mare tied it at 17, Dilfer overthrew Jerry Rice and Shaun Alexander, then he was sacked by Jason Taylor and Dario Romero.

Got the ball back, but Boulware made sure Feeley wouldn't finish the comeback.

Sunday's NFL stars:

Quarterbacks

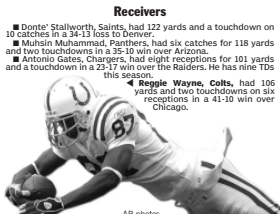
- Peyton Manning, Colts, went 17-of-28 for 211 yards and four touchdowns in a 41-10 win over Chicago.
- Aaron Brooks, Saints, set team records for completions and attempts, going 34-of-40 for 377 yards, but was intercepted three times and sacked twice in a 34-13 loss to Denver.
- Matt Brees, Bills, went 15-of-26 for 185 yards with three touchdown passes to tight end Mark Campbell in a 37-17 win over St. Louis. The touchdown passes were the most Brees has thrown since he had three in a 38-21 win over Miami on Dec. 1, 2002.
- Donovan McNabb, Eagles, tied a career high with four touchdown passes in a 26-6 win over Washington. Brees was 18-of-26 for 223 yards in his second straight 70-percentage, fourth of the season and sixth in his six-year career.
- Michael Vick, Falcons, ran for 104 yards and threw two half touchdowns passes to Akeem Copeland to lead the team to a 14-10 win over the Giants. It was his fifth career 100-yard game.

Running backs

- Edgerrin James, Colts, had 204 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries in a 41-10 win over Chicago.
- Reuben Droughns, Broncos, ran for 166 yards and a 51-yard touchdown in a 34-13 win over the Saints.
- Ladaian Tomsion, Chargers, ran for 164 yards and a score on 37 carries in a 24-17 win over the Raiders.
- Jerome Bettis, Steelers, ran for 129 yards on 26 carries in a 18-14 win over Cincinnati, passing Tony Dorsett for first place on the NFL's all-time list.
- Nick Goolsby, Panthers, ran for 121 yards on 22 carries and three first-half scores in a 35-10 win over Arizona.
- Michael Pittman, Bucs, had 106 yards on 21 carries with two touchdowns for his third 100-yard rushing effort in the past four games in a 35-3 win over San Francisco.

Receivers

- Dante Stallworth, Saints, had 122 yards and a touchdown on 10 catches in a 34-13 loss to Denver.
- Muhsin Muhammad, Panthers, had six catches for 118 yards and two touchdowns in a 35-10 win over Arizona.
- Antonio Gates, Chargers, had eight receptions for 101 yards and a touchdown in a 23-17 win over the Raiders. He has nine TDs this season.
- Reggie Wayne, Colts, had 106 yards on six catches and two touchdowns in a 41-10 win over Chicago.



AP photos

Freshman leads Virginia to upset of No. 10 Arizona

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Sean Singletary was a sophomore in high school the last time Arizona played so poorly.

Singletary, Virginia's highly touted freshman point guard, had 15 points and made several big plays Sunday night in the Cavaliers' 78-60 upset victory over the No. 10 Wildcats.

It was Arizona's lowest point total since Dec. 15, 2001, when Michigan State defeated the Wildcats 74-60 in East Lansing, Mich. Arizona, which led Division I in scoring last season, shot just 39.7 percent against Virginia. The Wildcats missed 19 of 24 from beyond the arc and had 21 turnovers.

"They'll need to shake it off quickly — Late Olson's team takes on Michigan in the Pre-season NIT semifinals Wednesday night in New York.

"You have nightmare games like this, and we've got one nightmare out of the way, I guess," Olson said.

Singletary has the Cavaliers (2-0) suddenly dreaming of making noise in the ACC after being picked to finish eighth. He shot 6-for-11 from the field, had eight assists — many drawing odds from the crowd — six steals and five rebounds.

"We just have something to prove," Singletary said. "I know a lot of people are overlooking us. They picked us to be in the bottom of the ACC. We're just going to stay humble about this win. We're in the beginning of the season, so it's nothing to be all hyped up about. We're going to stay humble and go to practice and work hard."

Virginia led 34-22 at halftime and the Wildcats never got any closer than nine.

The Wildcats' last challenge came when they closed to 67-58 on two free throws by Channing Frye with 3:15 left, but Singletary penetrated for a layup, then rebounded a miss by Salim Stoudamire and drew a foul. He made both shots to push the margin to 71-58.

Devin Smith led the Cavaliers



THE DAILY PROGRESS-AP

Virginia's Sean Singletary drives to the basket between Arizona's Hassan Adams, left, and Salim Stoudamire during Virginia's 78-60 win.

with 17 points. Frye led Arizona with 17 points. Hassan Adams had 14 and Stoudamire 13, nearly 10 below his average.

"Virginia outplayed us in every area you want to talk about," Olson said as he scanned the box score. "It seemed like any time that we went into the middle, they came out with the ball. They did a really nice job."

No. 6 Illinois 91, Florida A&M 60: Dee Brown scored 20 points, led in the first half, to lead the Illini at home.

Brown finished 8-for-8 and had four three-pointers as the Illini rolled to a 58-29 halftime lead. All five Illini starters scored in double figures to help Illinois improve to 2-0.

No. 12 Mississippi St. 98, Nichols St. 69: Lawrence Roberts had the first triple-double in

Mississippi State history.

Playing with a mask protecting his broken nose, Roberts finished with 18 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds for the Bulldogs (4-1), who sealed the win in their home opener with a 20-7 run early in the second half.

No. 18 Alabama 85, North Texas 71: At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Chuck Davis scored a career-high 25 points, and the Tide shot 73 percent from the floor in the first half.

Shelton added 17 points for Alabama (2-0).

No. 25 Gonzaga 78, Montana 62: Sean Mallon scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and Gonzaga overcame sloppy shooting to beat visiting Montana.

Gonzaga (2-0) also got 20 points and eight rebounds from Ronny Turant.

Wake Forest climbs to No. 1 for first time

BY JIM O'CONNELL

The Associated Press

Wake Forest received No. 1 for the first time, switching places with Kansas atop The Associated Press men's basketball poll Monday — even though the Jayhawks didn't lose.

The Demon Deacons (2-0) didn't have to wait long to play their first game leading the rankings, hosting Yale on Monday night.

Kansas won its only game of the season but trailed most of the way before beating visiting Vermont 68-61. Wake Forest opened with Preseason NIT home wins over George Washington (97-76) and Virginia Commonwealth (81-67).

"Because of the strength of the ACC in particular and the country in general, I think this is a season when many schools will have the opportunity to be in this position," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said.

His team probably benefited from an opening loss by then-No. 4 North Carolina to Santa Clara.

The Tar Heels held eight first-place votes last week but dropped all the way to 11th in the current poll.

The Demon Deacons were No. 1 on 25 ballots and received 1,658 points from the national media panel. Kansas had 26 first-place votes and 1,637 points. Only 70 of the 72 voters participated this week.

Last week, Kansas led 26-23 in first-place votes and had 18 more points than Wake Forest.

"I'm sure the people who vote saw a close game versus Vermont and certainly didn't expect that. But that's fine," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "I'm not disappointed because, to be honest, I didn't think we'd really done anything to earn it. I'd much rather drop in the poll after a win than after a loss."

The Demon Deacons were ranked second for 10 weeks in 1996-97, Tim Duncan's senior season. Add in two weeks to No. 2 this season, and Wake's 12 weeks overall at that spot were the third-most for a school never at No. 1.

Longhorns win Maui opener

The Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Texas withstand foul trouble and the three-point shooting of Chris Reeves for an 84-62 victory over Chamaine on Monday in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

P.J. Tucker had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the 15th-ranked Longhorns (2-0), who will play No. 12 Louisville or Iowa in Tuesday's semifinals.

Reeves, a junior college transfer, hit his first six three-point attempts, finished 8-for-10 from

long range, and had 33 points for the Silverswords (1-1).

Texas freshman LaMarcus Aldridge picked up two fouls in the opening four minutes of the game and classmate Daniel Gibson had two before 12 minutes elapsed. Tucker, a sophomore, picked up his third foul in the first half, and the Longhorns were forced to scramble with their eight-man rotation.

Kenton Paulino added 14 points, while Kony Taylor and Jason Klotz each had 12 for Texas, which finished with a 43-28 rebounding edge.

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Police: No charges against players or fans are imminent

BY SARAH KARUSH

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Investigators interviewed nine people injured in the brawl at the end of the Pistons-Pacers game, but no charges were imminent in the case, the county prosecutor said Monday.

Police were also reviewing videotapes and interviewing witnesses from Friday night's melee, when Indiana forward Ron Artest charged into the stands after a fan threw a cup at him.

If charges are filed, they probably would be for assault and battery, a misdemeanor that could bring a three-month jail sentence, said David Gorycyca, the Oakland County prosecutor. The only possible felony charge could be against the person who hurled a chair into the crowd.

Police Chief Doreen Olko said one of the people involved was seriously injured.

Asked if Artest could claim self-defense, Gorycyca said: "Even if someone did throw water, you don't have a license or privilege to punch him."

John Green of West Bloomfield Township was the fan who threw the cup at Artest, Gorycyca said. The prosecutor identified Green — a former next-door neighbor — by repeatedly watching footage of the brawl.

Green, however, told reporters he didn't throw the cup.

"Even if someone did throw water, you don't have a license or privilege to punch him."

Doreen Olko

Oakland County police chief, on whether Ron Artest can claim self-defense in brawl

"I wish the whole thing didn't happen," he said. "I'm sure the NBA players that got involved in it wish it never happened, the fans never wished that it had happened. I know I don't. It was awful. It was ugly."

On Sunday, the NBA suspended Artest for the rest of the season.

The league also suspended Indiana's Stephen Jackson for 30 games and teammate Jermaine O'Neal for 25. Detroit's Ben Wallace — whose shove of Artest after a foul led to the five-minute fracas — drew a six-game ban, while Pacers guard Anthony Johnson got five games.

Four players — Indiana's Reggie Miller, and Detroit's Chauncey Billups, Edin Campbell and Derrick Coleman — were suspended one game apiece for leaving the bench during the initial fight.

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers were frightened when spectators began hurling chairs, drinks, and ice at them in one of the most violent exchanges between players and fans in U.S. sports history.

"It was a scary situation," center David Harrison said. "It's literally being in a riot."

Ron Artest was suspended for the rest of the season Sunday, Stephen Jackson for 30 games, Jermaine O'Neal for 25, Ben Wallace for six, Anthony Johnson for five, and four players for one game apiece for their roles in Friday night's brawl at Detroit.

Pacers co-owner Herb Simon said he did not condone the fight, but "we do consider the action taken Sunday by the National Basketball Association to be unprecedented and inappropriate based on the circumstances."

After avoiding an on-court fight with Wallace late in the game, Artest bolted to the stands where he was hit by a cup thrown by a fan. Jackson and O'Neal also punched fans, who showered the Pacers with debris as they left the court.

"I don't know what the regulations are for these types of things, but maybe they need to be looked at more closely," Austin Croshere said after the six healthy and eligible Pacers lost to Orlando 86-83 on Saturday night. "You've seen it in baseball ... it seems to be happening more and more."

Artest apologized on Sunday. He said he respected David Stern, but called the suspension unfair.

"It is very important to me that people understand that I didn't mean for the situation to turn out like it did," Artest said in a statement.

O'Neal's agent, Arn Tellem, called his client's suspension an "outrageous decision" that singled out O'Neal "in an arbitrary and capricious way" and vowed to contest it.

Harrison was hit several times in the stands while trying to break up the mayhem. He said Artest responded instinctively.

Stern: NBA, fans arrive at crossroads

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"Normally in those situations, you have officials say, 'You and you are gone. Get off the floor right now,' and the thing goes away," Pistons CEO Tom Wilson said. "For whatever reason, this didn't happen, and the league will look into that. Then you had one guy do something stupid, and he hit the absolute wrong player, and all heck broke out."

That something stupid was a fan's decision to throw a cup at Ron Artest, the spark that set off the league's most ignitable personality.

"Yes, I've had been thrown on me, cups thrown at me. But as far as someone throwing something in my face, that has never happened," Pacers President Larry Bird said.



Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle, center, answers questions during a news conference in Indianapolis on Monday. Pacers guard Reggie Miller, left, and forward Austin Croshere also participated.

"If someone is throwing something at you with intent to harm you, you're going to defend yourself," he said. "It doesn't matter if the person is a fan or whatever. I just wonder what would happen if I went to where they work and harassed them for 48 minutes to an hour and then threw a beer at them when they were trying to leave. We'd go to jail."

Harrison worried the severity of the punishment would overshadow the fans' culpability.

"A message is going to be sent to the players, but around the league, I don't know how you send a message to the fans," Harrison said Saturday. "That's going to be the only travesty about this situation."

Things were just as scary as the Pacers left the Palace.

"There was a time at the bus where they were telling us to turn off the lights because they were afraid people would shoot at our bus," Harrison said.

Harrison dismissed the notion that because the players are paid handsomely they should be able to deal with such situations.

"We endured the verbal abuse,

did we not?" he said. "We do not get paid millions of dollars to get stuff thrown at us. Nobody gets paid money to get stuff thrown at you unless you're a circus clown sitting in a booth. That's not our job."

"I don't care how much money I'm getting paid. If you're trying to harm me, and I'm in a position to defend myself, I'm going to defend myself."

Croshere said he kept waiting for security and the officials to step in.

"I think that the number of problems over the years is very low, so it would be easy to say this is an isolated incident," Croshere said. "I think when the stuff started being thrown, it would seem like security at some point would have to step in and take control of the situation."

Scott Pollard, a former member of the Pistons, was horrified.

"I just watched with disgust," he said. "I'm just glad I can tell my kids I didn't participate. The lack of security. The way we acted. The way they acted. There were a lot of poor decisions made in the heat of battle. It was just ugly. And I hope it never happens again."

"It would not be my plan to be commissioner of a league that ... required players and fans to be separated."

David Stern

NBA Commissioner

ers' because the games used to be played behind cages. It would not be my plan to be commissioner of a league that ... required players and fans to be separated. That would be an unacceptable result."



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USC, Oklahoma in control

Auburn likely to be left out of national title game

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

Southern California and Oklahoma held the top two spots in the Bowl Championship Series standings on Monday, leaving little doubt that the Trojans and Sooners are in control of their national title hopes.

Unbeaten Auburn is stuck in third-place behind the first-place Trojans and second-place Sooners. The Tigers look like they'll be the team left out of the Orange Bowl no matter how they do in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Dec. 4 against Tennessee.

USC finishes the season against Notre Dame on Saturday and UCLA on Dec. 4. The Sooners still have to play the Big 12 title game

against either Iowa State or Colorado.

Only an unexpected loss or a dramatic shift in the polls, where USC is a solid No. 1 and Oklahoma holds a slight advantage over Auburn for second, could derail the Trojans and Sooners.

Not only did Oklahoma, with a BCS grade of .9642, slightly increase its lead over Auburn (.9356) from last week to .0286, but the Sooners also made a big gain on USC.

The Trojans' .9789 grade is their lowest of the season. Their lead on Oklahoma is down to .0147.

USC was idle last week while Oklahoma was shutting out Baylor 35-0 on Saturday. Auburn trailed at the half before beating Alabama 21-13.

California (.8504) is in fourth place and Texas (.8301) is fifth, with Utah (.8172) sixth.

The Utes (11-0) finished their season on Saturday with a 52-21 win over Mountain West Conference rival BYU, all but ensuring themselves of being the first team from a non-BCS conference to play in a BCS game.

Teams from outside the BCS conferences need to finish in the top six of the final BCS standings to guarantee a spot in one of the four \$14-million bowl games.

Boise State is seventh, keeping alive the possibility that the BCS could have two mid-major teams in it this season. The unbeaten Broncos (10-0) of the Western Athletic Conference have a grade of .639 and one game left against Nevada.



Quarterback Jason White and the Sooners increased their BCS lead over No. 3 Auburn and also gained on No. 1 USC.

It's still a long shot for Boise State, though. Even if California or Texas loses its season finale and the Broncos finish unbeaten, it might not be enough for them to make the jump they need in the polls and computer rankings.

Holtz retires after 33 years of coaching

By PETE IACOBELLI

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina coach Lou Holtz walked away from coaching Monday, ending a 33-year career that was one of the most successful and colorful in college football history.

"It's always with mixed emotions whenever you leave somewhere," Holtz said during a news conference, his eyes filling with tears.

The 67-year-old coach told the team and his staff on Thursday, although he's said little publicly about his departure or about reports Steve Spurrier will succeed him.

Holtz did not identify his successor, but said he was a well-known proven winner whom he plays goal with.

"I don't know where I'm going to go. I don't know what I'm going to do. I have faith in the Lord to let him lead me. As long as my family's with me, everything else will be OK," Holtz said.

"But I do feel confident leaving here that the football program is on a firm foundation."

He's eighth in career victories with 249. But what he became known for was reviving dormant programs. He took six schools — William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, Notre Dame and South Carolina — to bowl games by his second year. He won a national championship with the Fighting Irish in 1988.

After leaving South Bend, Ind., in 1996 and thinking he would never coach again, he then 61-year-old Holtz was lured to Columbia to replace fired Brad Scott.

Holtz suffered through a miserable first season in 1999. His wife, Beth, had a recurrence of throat cancer; his son and top assistant, Skip, had a mysterious illness that hospitalized him early that football season; his mother, Anne Marie, died right before the Florida game; and a university plane carrying Holtz on a recruiting trip crashed after dropping the coach off, killing the pilot.

His team went 0-11, the worst season of Holtz's career. So when South Carolina stunned then No. 9 Georgia in the second game of the 2000 season, it was a remarkable accomplishment. The Gamecocks continued their resurgence the next two years, going 17-7 and twice defeating Ohio State in the Outback Bowl.

Holtz is the only coach in South Carolina history with two bowl victories. He finished his six-year stint with the Gamecocks 33-37.



Holtz

No bowls for Clemson, S. Carolina after brawl

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Clemson and South Carolina will not accept bowl bids, punishment for players who brawl toward the end of Saturday's game.

South Carolina athletic director Mike McGee said Monday that the Gamecocks' actions on the field were not consistent with the values and ethics of the school.

"This decision will have a significant financial impact on USC athletics. We will also lose a month of prebowl practice," McGee said. "It was a decision that had to be made."

Clemson athletics director Terry Don Phillips said in a statement the decision isn't fair to the majority of the players.

"But given the circumstances, I believe strongly that it is the right decision so that our university, our student-athletes, supporters and all people that love Clemson know without question what our values are," he said.

The brawl, which broke out with about six minutes left in the game, started when Tigers defensive lineman Bobby Williamson took down South Carolina quarterback Sylvester Newton and appeared to linger too long on top of him.

South Carolina offensive lineman Chris White came to help Newton. White's teammates Na'Shan Goddard and Jabari Levee went after Williamson. Tigers Cory Groover, Donnell Clark and Gaines Adams joined in and the chaos began as both sidelines cleared.

South Carolina coach Lou Holtz, in his last game after a 33-year career, and Clemson coach Tommy Bowden tried to break up the brawl.

Eventually, security and police officers were needed to restore order. Clemson won 29-7.

The Southeastern Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference will review tapes of the fight before deciding on penalties.

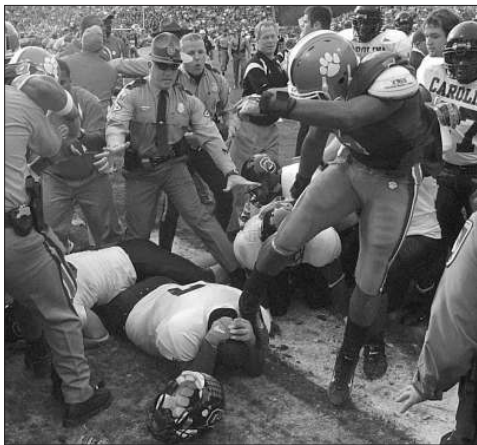
The Tigers and Gamecocks had a brief confrontation before Saturday's game and thorough officials had to quell small skirmishes and separate players.

Phillips said Sunday he was working with the ACC to determine whether players could face discipline.

McGee said individual suspensions for players will be forthcoming.

Illinois fires Turner after 3-8 finish

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Ron Turner was fired by Illinois on Monday after three straight losing seasons, a sharp turnaround from early



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Clemson running back Yusef Kelly, right, kicks an unidentified South Carolina player in the head during a fourth-quarter brawl Saturday which spanned 60 yards of the playing field and took law enforcement more than 10 minutes to control. As punishment for the players' actions, officials from both schools announced Monday that the teams will not accept bids to any bowl games.

success that included the team's first Big Ten football title in a decade.

Illinois went 3-8 this season and has just one conference victory the past two years. Half of the Illini's four wins overall the past two seasons were against Division I-AA opponents.

Turner had two seasons left on his contract, which pays him \$1.1 million per year in salary and deferred compensation. "I realize it's a bottom-line business and the last couple of years we didn't win enough football games," Turner said at a news conference. "I can leave this university knowing that I ran a program with great integrity."

Turner went 35-57 record with two bowl trips in eight seasons. But since a Sugar Bowl

appearance in January 2002, Illinois is just 9-25, and attendance has been falling.

San Jose State's Hill resigns

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Jose State coach Fitz Hill resigned Monday with one game left in his fourth straight losing season with the Spartans.

Hill, one of five black head coaches in Division I-A, will coach San Jose State's season finale against Fresno State on Saturday. The Spartans are 2-8 this season and 14-32 under Hill.

Frustrated with a lack of support from fans, students and the school, he is leaving to become an instructor at Central Florida.

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Stern: 'The line is drawn'

NBA commissioner hopes harsh penalty will deter violence

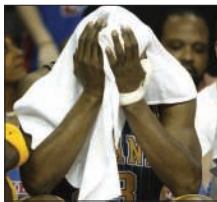
BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Stern would not want to be in charge of a league that needs barriers to separate fans from players. Nor would he follow the lead of European soccer and order games to be played in empty arenas.

The NBA commissioner is searching for more practical remedies to keep things civil in a sport where the intimate setting — the highest-paying customers sit so close to the action they can smell the players' sweat — is part of its appeal.

"The reality is that our society and our arenas exist based upon a social contract," Stern said. "Everyone knows that if 20,000 fans decided to go on a rampage, we'd have a serious problem on our hands, no matter what we did."

Moving the NBA forward after the ugly brawl that spilled into the stands at Friday night's Indiana-Detroit game, Stern's chal-



AP photos

NBA Commissioner David Stern, left, suspended Pacers forward Ron Artest for the rest of the season for his role in Friday's brawl between players and fans in Auburn Hills, Mich.

lenge in the days and weeks ahead will be to re-establish the invisible barrier dividing players and fans.

He said the NBA will re-examine policies ranging from arena security to alcohol sales in response to one of the worst brawls in the league's history.

"No matter what security procedures you have in place, you run a risk that a player can jump into the stands or that fans will behave in an anti-social basis," Stern said.

No other major professional sport has

customers sitting so close to its athletes, providing an atmosphere that's cozy on most nights but combustible on others.

The close proximity of hecklers, whose comments often strike a nerve and sometimes cross a line, add a measure of volatility.

"That's part of the game," said Pistons assistant coach Gar Heard, a former player. "They had a guy here in Detroit when I was playing. He was probably one of the worst guys in the league. They had a guy in

"The line is drawn, and my guess is that won't happen again — certainly not by anybody who wants to be associated with our league."

David Stern
NBA commissioner

Washington who was also one of the worst."

But most players in Heard's day, and in subsequent years, knew there was a line never to be crossed — no matter how vicious the heckling became. Players didn't always agree with the belief that a fan who paid his money was entitled to voice his opinion, but they lived with it.

On the rare occasions when situations spun out of control and objects were thrown at players, cooler heads almost always prevailed and kept events from spiraling dangerously out of control as they did at the now infamous Pacers-Pistons game.

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Driven to succeed



Green Bay Packers' Donald Driver, left, catches a 50-yard pass as Houston Texans' Marcus Coleman defends during Sunday's game in Houston, Texas. Driver made 10 catches for 148 yards, including the Packers' only touchdown, in Green Bay's 16-13 victory. See Page 35.



Sooners pull away in chase for spot in BCS title game

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Holtz makes retirement official

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